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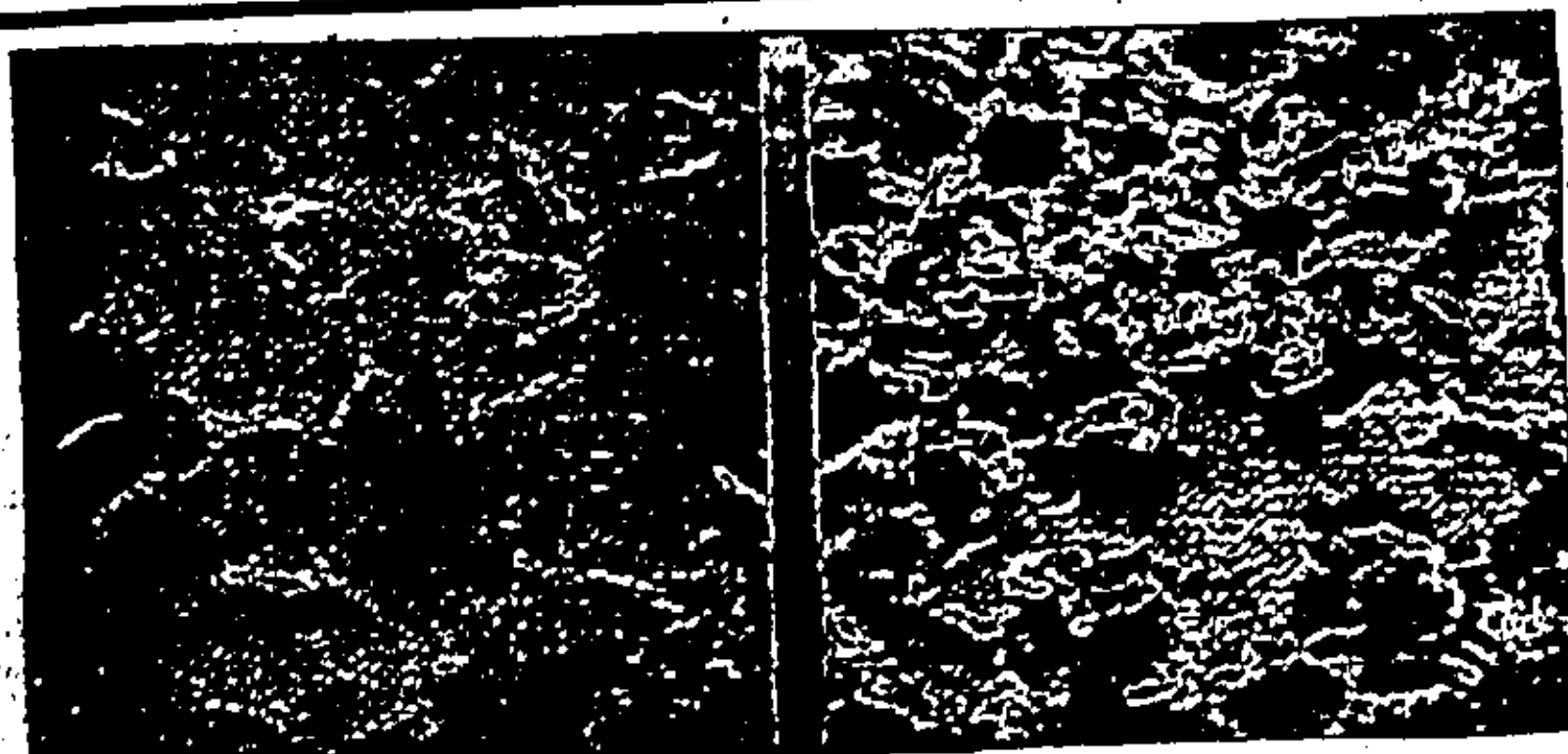
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LAWN BOWLS.

SATURDAY'S RESULTS.

Some interesting play was seen on Saturday, in both divisions. The matches were as follows:

FIRST DIVISION.

TAIKOO CIVIL SERVICE	CIVIL SERVICE
Bateman	Laing
Grimshaw	Alderman
Russell	Knight
Woltherspoon	Gregory
(S.) 30	(S.) 11

J. Sloan	Knott
Peterson	Maoy
Morrison	Deakin
Wallace	Grimmett
(S.) 31	(S.) 7

Chapman	Smith
Seah	A. Knight
Laing	Stanley
Ferguson	Mills
(S.) 11	(S.) 21

Taikoo, 75; Civil Service, 41.

CHAIKONGWATER K.C.C.	K.C.C.
Naynes	R. E. Nicholls
Souza	L. E. Lammer
Green	J. P. Robinson
Bradbury	J. Hyde
(S.) 24	(S.) 14

Alves	Davidson
Fritz	Ramsay
Rose	Fraser
Bass	Pile
(S.) 30	(S.) 14

Musket	Abraham
Rosset	Fletcher
Dennis	Brown
McFarlane	Gibson
(S.) 30	(S.) 10

Craigengower, 88; K.C.C., 38H
K.S.G.C. v. K.D.R.C.

The Kowloon Bowling Green Club and the Kowloon Dock R.C. shared the points on the Bowling Green Club's rinks. Each side scored 57 points.

A feature of the play in this match was the excellent form of A. M. Simpson for the Bowling Green Club, who had largely him to thank for the fact that the final score did not show an adverse balance against them.

After the match, the prizes won in various competitions were handed to their winners. Mr. B. Wyllie in the course of a short and humorous speech remarked that it was easier to be present prizes than to win them. He presented prizes to the successful competitors on their achievements, and then asked Mrs. Wyllie to distribute the prizes as under:—

Game of Points.—1st prize, D. Hazel; 2nd prize, H. Nish. Winners of Spoons: W. MacFarlane (1), D. Hazel (2), H. Nish (3), G. Green (4).

Two Bowl Competition.—"A" Class: 1st prize, P. T. Farrell; 2nd prize, R. E. Nicholls. "B" Class: 1st prize, D. Hazel; 2nd prize, H. Nish.

Lawn Tennis.—Championship: 1st prize, W. Brown; 2nd prize, A. McKenzie. Handicap Singles: 1st prize, F. C. Goodman; 2nd prize, J. H. Johnstone. Mixed Doubles.—1st prize, Mrs. McCaw and J. H. Johnstone.

SECOND DIVISION.

The Yacht Club, who were the visitors to Kowloon, were defeated by 12 points. The scores were: K.C.C., 63; Yacht Club, 51.

POLICE	INDIAN R.C.
Glendinning	Hussain
Sword	S. Ismail
Reid	H. Ram
A. Clarke	D. Rumjahn
(S.) 18	(S.) 20

Blackman	A. O. Madar
Logan	A. A. Razack
Grant	Hartean
West	N. Omar
(S.) 22	(S.) 17

Post	Espina
Whant	Nazarin
Mair	Hyder
Clarke	S. E. Ismail
(S.) 21	(S.) 20

Police, 61; Indian R.C., 57.

EAST POINT R.C.	TAIKOO R.C.
Whiteford	Craigton
Glen	Stewart
Fowler	Weir
Eorries	McFarlane
(S.) 20	(S.) 20

G. M. Shaw	G. Steward
Douglas	McKechie
McKellar	McCubbin
Hamilton	T. Young
(S.) 14	(S.) 19

Barclay	J. Sloan
Williamson	Maxwell
Thorburn	T. Grimes
Barclay	Muirhead
(S.) 14	(S.) 16

Taikoo, 55; East Point, 48.

THE WATSON CUP.

It is understood that Messrs. A. and S. Watson have presented to the Bowling Association a Cup valued at \$500 for competition. It has not yet been decided from form the competition will take.

NEXT WEEK'S FIXTURES.

The fixtures for next week are as follows:—
Division I.
Kowloon O.C. v. Taikoo R.C.
Craigengower v. Kowloon B.G. Club.
Kowloon Dock v. Civil Service C.C.
Division II.
Taikoo v. Kowloon C.C.
Indian R.C. v. R.H.K.Y.C.
East Point R.C. v. Police.
Games to start at 3.30 p.m. on the ground of the first named.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

ENTRIES FOR WHITSUN TWO-DAY MEETING.

[BY ARGUS.]

The entries for the two days' racing, to be held under the auspices of the Hongkong Jockey Club on Saturday, May 30th, and Monday, June 1st, (Whitsuntide Holiday) closed at noon on Saturday. As a whole they may be regarded as above the average in view of the meeting being the closing fixture of the half-year.

In the Novices Race appear the names of Gyp and Rayfield. It is doubtful whether either of these points is eligible unless non-winners of this season are meant in the conditions. If these ponies are eligible, one would expect to find the name of Clover Club among the entries. Until the Stewards have given a decision in the matter it would be best to look upon both as doubtful quantities.

A new-comer is Capt. Oxenbury's May Leaf (late Dignity). At one time, this pony had some pretensions to gallop, but he has been on the shelf for some time and though he made his appearance on the course during the last week, may not stand the winding up process.

Grey Dragon, under a new name, is back in the list again, but I fancy his racing days are over. Another one resurrected is Smart Guy, who so far has failed to earn place money.

With 18 entries (including Gyp and Rayfield) every novice should be able to get a mount.

The entries for the first day follow:—
Chesham Handicaps (A and B), six furlongs.—A.B., The Critic, Beauty Dahlia, Saligia, Langsat, Jambu, Rothsay, Blotting Paper, Grey Knight, Tonnai, Hailsham, Gold Leaf, Poppy Leaf, Auchencroch, Wasp, Gypsy Love, Saracen, Solly, Gyp, Magnificent Dahlia, Dictator D., Phenomenal Dahlia, Uncle Alf, Uncle Charlie, Seattle, Chicago, Quab, Rayfield, Beldorney Star, Baby Eyes, King Ptolemy, King Alfred, King Emperor, Alcantara, New York, King Gaudie, Two Pairs, May Leaf Valiant, Gaudie, Wimmera.

(late Dignity).
Granville Stakes (one mile).—A.B., The Critic, Beauty Dahlia, Saligia, Blotting Paper, Grey Knight, Auchencroch, Wasp, Saracen, Gypsy Love, Dictator Dahlia, Phenomenal Dahlia, Uncle Alf, Uncle Charlie, Seattle, Demon Boy, Beldorney Star, King Emperor, Wimmera, Two Pairs.

Ribblesdale Stakes (one mile).—Beauty Dahlia, Grey Morn, Mowgli, Poppy Leaf, Gold Leaf, Golden Chrysanthemum, Wasp, Gyp, Phenomenal Dahlia, Dictator Dahlia, Magnificent Dahlia, Uncle Alf, Uncle Charlie, Chicago, Rayfield, Beldorney Star, Baby Eyes, King Emperor, Gaudie, Wimmera.

Novices Race (one round): The Critic, Auchencroch, Saracen, Solly, Gyp, Uncle Charlie, Uncle Tam, Quab, Demon Boy, Rayfield, King Ptolemy, Stimo (late Smart Guy), Tadworth, Alcantara, Tea-shop, Wimmera, Two Pairs, May Leaf (late Dignity).

Waterford Plate (A and B, 11 miles).—A.B., Beauty Dahlia, Saligia, Langsat, Jambu, Loch Rannoch, Grey Knight, Mowgli, Gold Leaf, Poppy Leaf, Golden Chrysanthemum, Gypsy Love, Saracen, Dictator Dahlia, Magnificent Dahlia, Phenomenal Dahlia, Dryrag (late Grey Dragon), Uncle Alf, Uncle Charlie, Quab, Clover Club, Seattle, Chicago, Quab, Demon Boy, Rayfield, Beldorney Star, Baby Eyes, King Alfred, King Ptolemy, Duke of Frisco, New York, Curiosity Shop, Valiant, Gaudie, Wimmera.

PORTUGUESE INTERPORT BILLIARDS.

MR. OSMUND OF HONGKONG DEFEATS MR. CAMPOS OF SHANGHAI.

The Portuguese Interport Billiards contests came to a close at the Club Lugitano on Saturday night (says the *Shanghai Mercury* of the 11th inst), when the No. 1 players of each team met in what was expected to be a thrilling game between Messrs. A. J. Osmund (Hongkong) and J. P. Campos (Shanghai).

There was a record attendance for the match, and the players got under way punctually at 9.15 p.m.

Osmund went ahead at the start and piled up a couple of hundred points at short notice, including a very useful break of 58. The Hongkong player appeared quite at home on the strange table and played with confidence. He soon had 100 points in hand and led by that number when the 200-mark was reached.

Campos continued to peg away, and during a lull in the Hongkong man's barrage of all-round shots managed to get up with 15 points, but Osmund immediately replied with a clever 78, and again Campos was forced to go "all-out" after his man.

The local man, however, had a lot of bad luck, and fell down on simple shots which invariably "left them up" for his opponent. Osmund concluded with breaks of 62, 48, 58 and 39 amid rounds of applause. The match of 500-up was finished by 11 p.m., evidence of the standard of play. Campos finished at 377.

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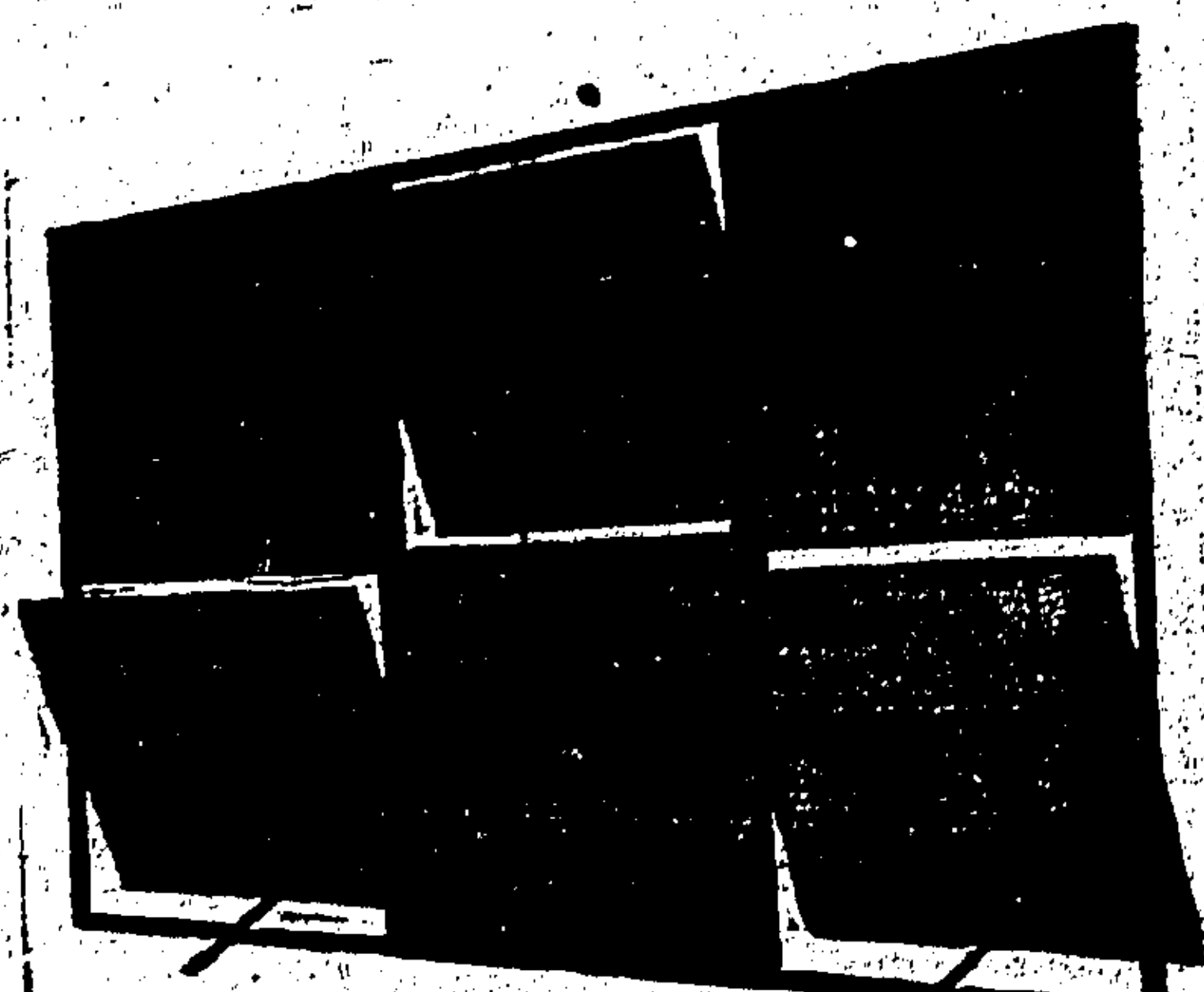
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The men they employed, numbering about 20,000, have been thrown on the dole, and the country's output of coal has been lessened by approximately 5,000,000 tons in these 3 months as compared with 1924.

Between June 1st last and the end of March the total number of pits closed was 331, and, in all, 70,300 men became idle. In the Rhondda Valley alone 35,000 men are drawing the dole. During the first week in April notice has been given that seven more pits in South Wales are to be closed.

WORKING AT A LOSS.

Matters are becoming more and more serious every day, an official of the Mining Association said to a reporter. "Owners everywhere are finding it impossible to carry on, and there are few collieries that are not being worked at a loss."

A joint sub-committee of the Mining Association and the Miners' Federation, which has been set up to discuss the serious condition of the industry.

At a joint meeting of Cleveland (Yorkshire) mineowners and miners' representatives the owners intimated that they were unable to accede to the miners' request to revert to a 7-hours day, as it would increase working costs and render some mines unworkable. The owners adjourned the men's application for increased wages.

The dismantling of the machinery at the Wirral colliery at Neston, Cheshire, where the miners declined the offer of the owner to allow them to work the pit for nine months has been commenced. The iron track for the tubs is also being taken up, and then water will flood the workings, which will not be re-opened. They extend nearly 2,000 feet under the bed of the River Dee.

GERMAN METHODS.

The Germans, says a correspondent writing from South Wales, are attacking the British coal market in a scientific manner. They obtain an analysis of the British coal. They know they cannot produce coal equal to British, but they have discovered that by careful washing, screening, and a scientific mixture of various coals they can produce a coal they can sell to Britain's customers as something nearly approximating to British coal.

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Here are figures showing the increase of local taxation in the South Wales coal field as compared with 1913:—

	Per cent.
Merthyr	134
Swansea	80
Neath	154
Aberdare	117
Bedwellty	70
Blaenavon	45
Brynmawr	180
Mountain Ash	134
Ogmore and Gwyr	100
Rhondda Valley	150

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CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

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Kalans	56/3	56/3
Mexican Eagles	10/3	10/3

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Another loan closed on May 11th, this being the Shanghai Waterworks issue of Tls. 500,000 debentures at par, bearing interest at 6 per cent. A considerable amount of this was taken up at the end of the week, and on Monday morning the balance was subscribed for.

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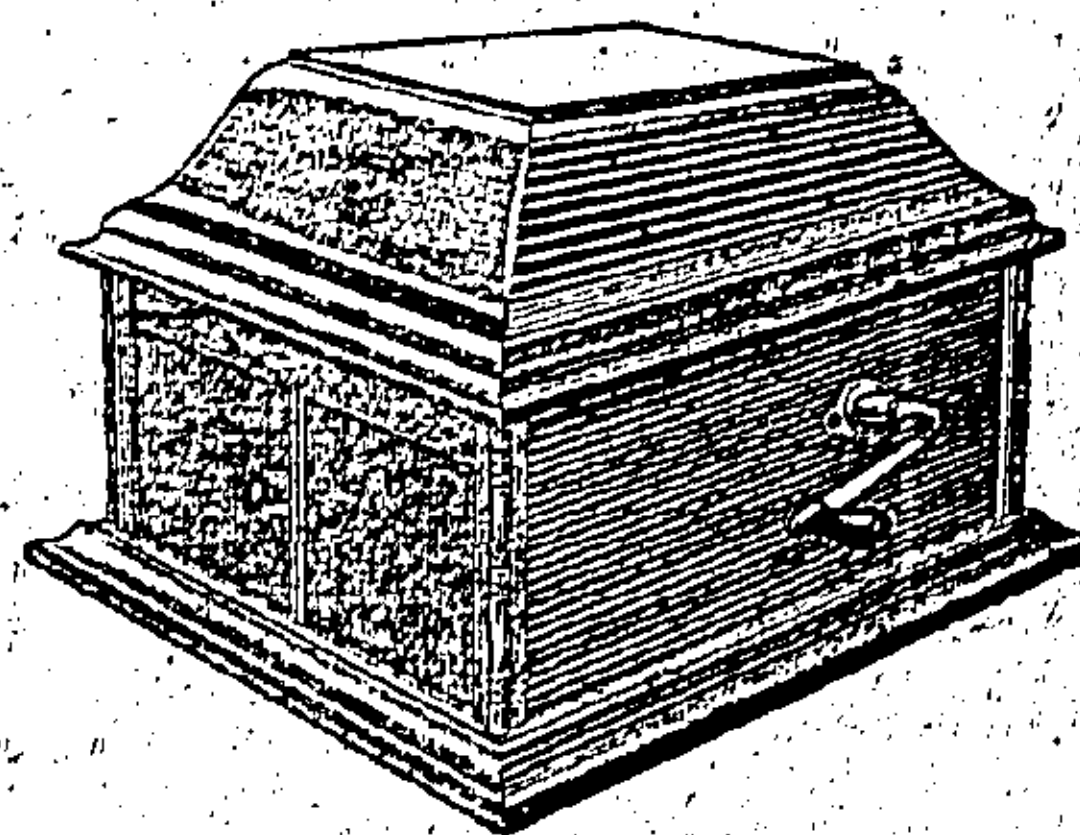
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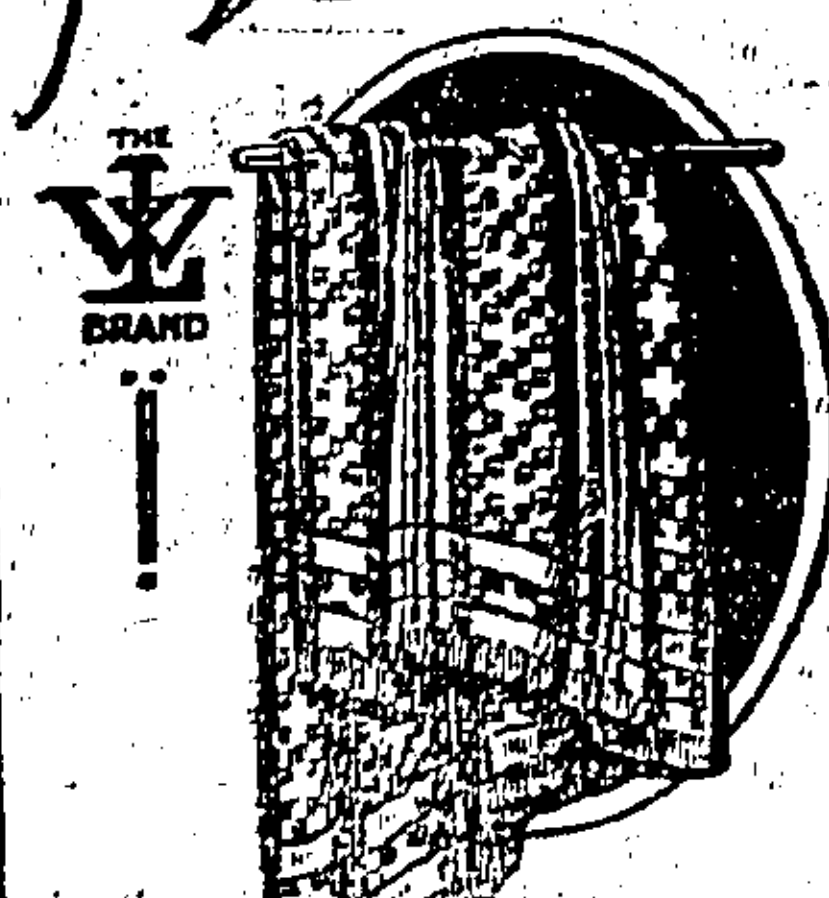
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INTERPORT CRICKET.
RESULT OF SATURDAY'S PLAY
AT SHANGHAI.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

SHANGHAI, May 16th.
Despite intermittent heavy showers of rain, a full day's cricket was possible to-day in the interport match between Hongkong and Shanghai. The wicket was very sticky.

Hongkong won the toss and scored 145. At the close of the day's play, Shanghai had made 127 for the loss of seven wickets.

Dr. O'Hara took 4 wickets for 57. It is curious that seven of the visiting batsmen were caught and bowled.

The scores up to the close of play on Saturday will be found at the end of the following notes on the game.

ENCOURAGING START.

It appears from the Shanghai papers that the home side are not considered a very strong combination, and that they are very short of practice. This is always the fate of the home side, as in Hongkong cricket only starts a month or so before the usual date of the Interport. Lack of practice is, of course, disconcerting, but on the other hand it must be recalled that the other side are at the end of a season, and are therefore apt to be a little stale. Quick and his men have been playing cricket steadily since the first week in September. However this may be, we cannot now be any thing but gratified by the news that has reached the Colony. I do not mean that there has been any great triumph but on the whole Hongkong have the best of the first day's play.

Our Eleven turned out as selected while Shanghai are represented by H. W. Allison, E. G. Barnes, D. C. Burn, M. J. Divecha, A. J. W. Evans, Dr. H. H. Morris, Dr. W. E. O'Hara, H. B. Ollerdsen, J. H. Raikes, H. Rogerson, and T. W. R. Wilson. I am surprised to see that Billings and Wainwright are not in the side, but suppose they have not found their form. The former practically won the match down here in 1922, and I suspect his perfect length would have been useful on what evidently is a bowler's wicket.

H. E. Hollands and A. Youngson are sevens and I am told Captain Bensley, R.A., and Jack Cameron are umpiring. I was under the impression Armstrong was going to fulfil this duty if he did not play. The weather has been very unpleasant and wet, rather interfering with the practice of the side, but it is apparently improving. Reuter's cable, giving the Hongkong scores, evidently got the order badly mixed up but I have reconstructed as far as possible from the H.K.C.C. wires. On Saturday morning Quick won the toss and went in with Stewart, Morris and Stripp alone failed to reach double figures down to number eight, and it looks as if the score had been about 140 for seven when the last three batsmen failed to add to it. The wicket was sticky and no less than seven batsmen were caught and bowled. After six months of our hard-fought wickets this is not so surprising as it appears at first. O'Hara took 4 for 57. I have no other bowling figures, but I see Rogerson, a newcomer to Interport cricket, got one wicket in addition to making 11 runs. Barnes only let one extra go. I remember that he did very poorly down here in 1924, and that O'Hara then said he was a different wicket-keeper in Shanghai! So it appears. Ramsay justified his selection thoroughly by making 39—the top score. I see, as usual, he was bowled by a fastish bowler. I suspect that the slower wicket helped Bowler to some of those lucky smacks, in playing which he almost tread on his wicket.

To get 7 of the Shanghai side out for 127 was no mean feat. I regret to see O'Hara and Allison were still together. Three years ago I was told in Shanghai that they had a knack of making last wicket stands. It is to be hoped that Reed and Bowler will despatch the last three men promptly when rested on Monday. Reed got one wicket; Walker, Quick and Bowler, two each. I have no figures. Further, wires from the Hongkong side collapse in their second knock, the match is sure to last over until Tuesday. The team seem cheerful, from the wire and are to be congratulated on an excellent first day's work.

R. ARMIT.

Scores:—

HONGKONG—1st Innings.

Rev. E. K. Quick, c and b O'Hara 13
E. F. Stewart, c and b Rogerson 13
Capt. Morris, c and b O'Hara 6
A. W. Ramsay, c and b Allison 39
Pay-Lt. Cdr. Hargreaves, R.N., c and b O'Hara 10
C.Q.M.S. Stripp, c and b Wilson 7
H. N. Balhatchet, c and b Divecha 18
A. C. I. Bowker, b Allison 38
Capt. West, b O'Hara 0
Capt. R. F. Walker, c and b Divecha 0
E. B. Reed, not out 0
Extras 1
Total 145

SHANGHAI—1st Innings.

H. B. Ollerdsen 32
M. J. Divecha 10
A. J. W. Evans 0
Dr. H. H. Morris 4
J. H. Raikes 7
D. C. Burn 21
H. Rogerson 14
H. W. Allison, not out 15
Dr. W. E. O'Hara, not out 25
Extras 3
Total (for 7 wickets) 127

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LOCAL SPORT.
LUSITANO CLUB.

ANNUAL ATHLETIC MEETING.

The Lusitano Club held their 18th annual athletic meeting on the ground of the Hongkong Football Club at Happy Valley on Saturday afternoon. Despite a counter attraction of a similar nature on the Race Course adjoining this ground, there was an excellent attendance.

The programme, which comprised over twenty events, was carried through under the supervision of a strong committee of officials.

No records were broken, but nevertheless some good times were achieved; while the sprinters of the previous year's meeting were to the front.

For the second year in succession, A. E. Carvalho won the 440 yards for the Silva-Netto Challenge Cup; while G. Figueiredo won the "Matomouro" Challenge Cup in the boys' race over the same distance. In the 100 yards race for the Soares' Challenge Cup, H. Braga secured this trophy, covering the distance in 10.2 seconds, which was only one-fifth above the record. This competitor also won the 220 yards championship.

The function was under the patronage of His Excellency the Governor (Sr. Edward Stubbs, K.C.M.G.), and the Very Rev. Father, G. M. Spada. The Hon. President is Senhor Antonio Luis (Consul-General for Portugal), and the President, Mr. A. F. B. Silva-Netto.

The chief officials were as under:—Hon. Secretary: Mr. M. F. Baptista; Hon. Treasurer: Mr. F. L. Silva; Judges: Messrs. A. F. B. Silva-Netto, A. E. Carvalho, F. H. Barnes, D. C. Baptista, A. G. da Rocha, and J. C. Barreto; Referee: Mr. J. A. S. Alves; Starter: Messrs. F. L. Silva and A. J. V. Ribeiro; Timekeepers: Mr. C. M. S. Alves and Mr. M. L. G. Cordeiro and Mr. J. M. Britto.

THE RESULTS.

The results were as under:—120 Yards: 1, B. Alves; 2, A. P. Eca da Silva. Time: 11.4 seconds.

220 Yards (Boys' Handicap): 1, R. Campos; 2, S. Remedios.

One Mile Bicycle Race (Handicap): 1, J. Basto; 2, H. Graca. Time: 10 mins. 45 secs.

440 Yards Flat Race (Challenge Cup presented by Mr. A. F. B. Silva-Netto) to be won three times before becoming the property of any competitor: 1, A. E. Carvalho; 2, L. A. Carvalho.

440 Yards (Boys) ("Matomouro" Challenge Cup): 1, C. Figueiredo; 2, C. Remedios.

100 Yards (Soares' Challenge Cup): 1, H. Braga; 2, B. Alves. Time: 10.2 seconds.

Girls' Race, 100 Yards Championship: 1, Miss S. Barros; 2, Miss B. Sousa.

Girls' Race, 100 Yards Handicap (under 10): 1, Miss S. Barros; 2, Miss B. Sousa.

Boys' Race, 100 Yards Handicap (over 10): 1, C. Victor; 2, R. Rosario.

440 Yards (Handicap): 1, E. A. Brown; 2, A. Remedios.

Boys and Girls' Race, 60 Yards Handicap (under 7): 1, R. Crestejo; 2, S. Rosario; Girls: 1, H. Antonio; 2, M. Remedios.

Bicycle Race, two miles (Handicap): 1, D. Silva; 2, A. A. Remedios.

220 Yards (Handicap): 1, B. Alves; 2, A. P. Eca da Silva.

220 Yards (Boys' Handicap): 1, G. Remedios; 2, L. Silva.

220 Yards Championship of the Colony (Open): 1, H. Braga; 2, A. E. Carvalho. Time: 25.4 seconds.

50 Yards, 50 yards: 1, R. Assumpcao; 2, B. Goswami.

Boys' Sack Race, 50 yards: 1, J. Figueiredo; 2, C. Victor.

Girls' Race, 120 Yards Handicap (under 10): 1, A. Remedios; 2, M. Remedios.

Half Mile Flat Race (Handicap): 1, D. F. Lopes; 2, A. Remedios. Time: 2 mins. 11.3 seconds.

Boys' Race, Half Mile: 1, C. Figueiredo; 2, L. Silva.

Girls' Race, 150 Yards Handicap (over 10): 1, Miss Helena Souza; 2, Miss Beatrice Ribeiro.

Ladies' Nomination: 1, C. Cunha; 2, M. F. Haughton.

Consolation Race, 100 yards: 1, D. H. Alves; 2, M. A. Alviera.

DISTRIBUTION OF PRIZES.

At the conclusion of the sports, the various cups and trophies were presented to the successful competitors by Mrs. A. F. B. Silva-Netto.

Prior to her performing this function, Mr. A. F. B. Silva-Netto returned thanks to those who had helped in connection with the sports and also thanked the donors to the prize fund for their material assistance.

After the prizes had been distributed, Mrs. Silva-Netto was presented with a handsome bouquet of flowers in a silver holder entwined with the Club colours.

During the afternoon, the band of the 2/2nd Punjab Regiment (87th) by kind permission of Major C. M. Smith and Officers, rendered selections under the baton of Mr. Louis Larter.

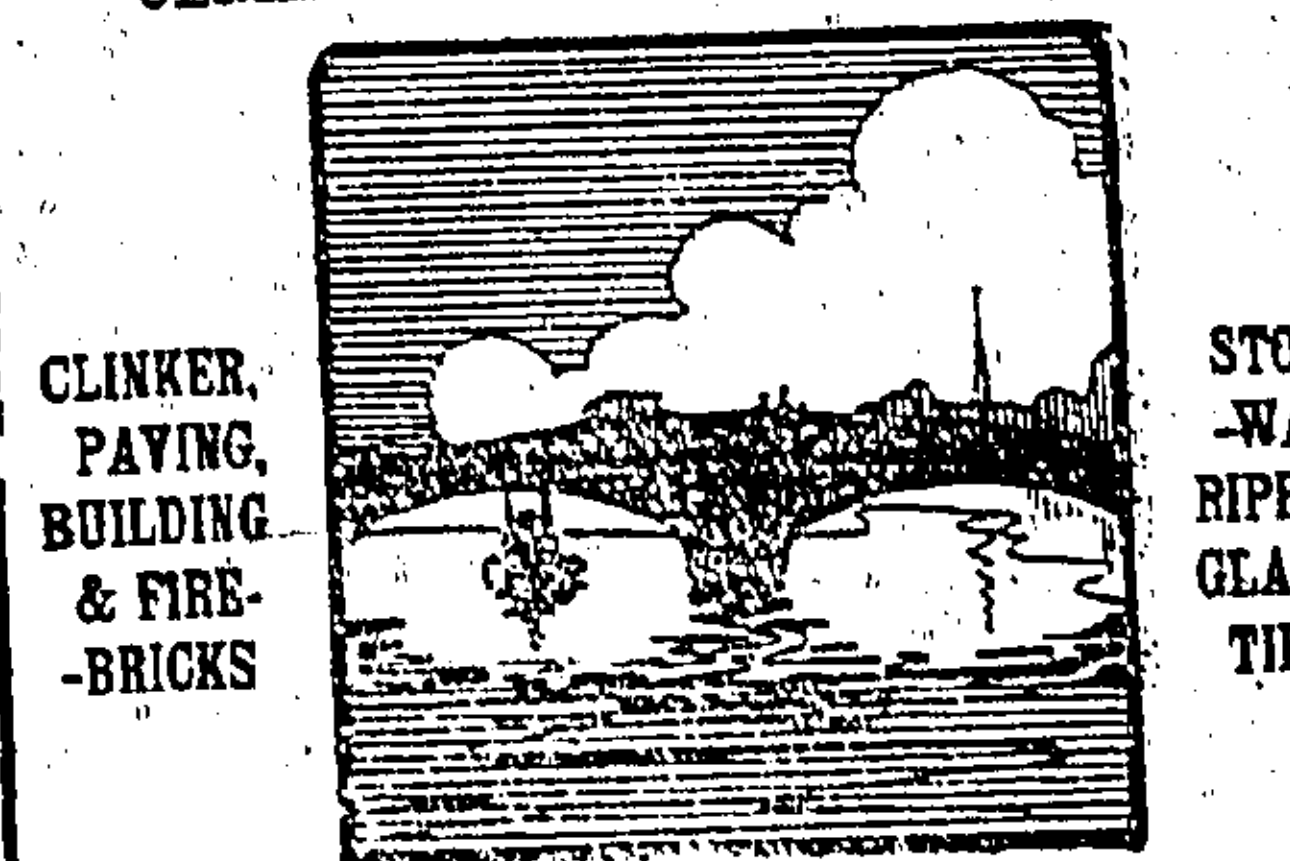
The proceedings concluded with cheers and the National Anthem.

Reuter's cable gives the Hongkong order of going in as under. The individual scores are identical.

H. N. Balhatchet, c and b Divecha 18
A. C. I. Bowker, b Allison 38
Pay-Lt. Cdr. Hargreaves, c and b O'Hara 10
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E. F. Stewart, c and b Rogerson 13
C.Q.M.S. E. Stripp, c and b Wilson 7
Capt. Walker, c and b Divecha 0
Capt. West, b O'Hara 0
Extras 1
Total 145

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ATHLETIC SPORTS.
CHINESE Y.M.C.A. HOLD SUCCESS-
FUL MEETING.

The seventeenth annual sports of the Chinese Y.M.C.A. were held at the racecourse, Happy Valley, on Saturday. The events were keenly contested. In the High Jump Tang M. Cheung cleared 5ft. 4ins., a record for the institution. The prizes were distributed by Mrs. Chau Wai Cheung, wife of the President, Dr. Chau Wai Cheung.

PRIZE WINNERS.
Following are the results:—

100 Yards (Senior): 1, Chow Hau Leung; 2, Ng Cheung Fung; 3, Leung Shun Po.

50 Yards (Junior): 1, Wong Shiu Leung; 2, J. Ackker; 3, Ho Shik Cheun.

100 Yards (Small Boys): 1, Peng Tak Ming; 2, Fung On Chor; 3, Ng Tak Kiu.

100 Yards (Y.M.C.A. Day School): 1, Chow Sui Kum; 2, Ma Sui Lung; 3, Pau Shiu Sun.

Long Jump (Senior): 1, A. Hoalim; 2, Cheung Shun Po; 3, Pang Kui Yung. Distance: 17ft. 4ins.

220 Yards (Y.M.C.A. Day School): 1, Chow Sau Hok; 2, Chow Chor Cheung; 3, Chan Yuk Kwan.

Javelin Throw: 1, Leung Ho Yin; 2, Chang Sik Ting; 3, A. Hoalim. Distance: 94ft. 7ins.

50 Yards Mathematics Race (Y.M.C.A. Day School): 1, San Po Huen; 2, Kau Yuk Sing; 3, Fung Kau Ming.

220 Yards (Senior): 1, U Pak Hin; 2, Ng Cheung Fung; 3, Chow Hau Leung.

220 Yards (Junior): 1, J. Ackker; 2, Wong Shiu Leung; 3, Leung Lam Hau.

50 Yards Handicap (Members over 35): 1, Hung Koon Chow; 2, Chow Wan Kwok; 3, Chow To Sun.

440 Yards (Senior): 1, A. Hoalim; 2, U Pak Hin; 3, Ng Cheung Fung.

440 Yards Race (Junior): 1, Lau Tak Kwong; 2, Li Kam Ming; 3, Pang Kum Yung.

60 Yards Sack Race (Y.M.C.A. Day School): 1, Lo Pak Tong; 2, Kong Tay Foon; 3, Yung Cheung Ho.

High Jump (Senior): 1, Tang Ki Cheung; 2, Leung Yiu Choi; 3, Chang Hok Nan. Height: 5ft. 4ins.

High Jump (Junior): 1, Pang Shiu Woon; 2, Ko Sik Cheung; 3, Wong Shiu Leung. Height: 4ft. 11ins.

Putting the Shot (Senior): 1, Kong Shuen Cheung; 2, Leung Ho Yin; 3, A. Hoalim. Distance: 33ft. 2ins.

880 Yards (Senior): 1, A. Hoalim; 2, Yung Po Wah; 3, Fung Kwok Wa.

Boy Scout Race: 1, 12th Troop (Ying Wa College); 2, 6th Troop; 3, 8th Troop.

Novelty Race (Y.M.C.A. Day School): 1, Sun Po Fung; 2, La Yick Yui; 3, Leung Au.

One Mile (Open): 1, Ng Tak Wing; 2, Chow Sau Hok; 3, Chau Shin Hong. Time: 5 mins. 4.5 secs.

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LAUNCH ABLAZE.

EUROPEAN'S PROMPT ACTION.

Just before 9 o'clock last night a launch lying alongside the Blue Funnel liner *Catania* in the harbour, caught fire; and in a few minutes the engine-room of the small vessel was blazing furiously.

The crew of the *Catania* used their fire hoses, but the awning of the launch neutralized their efforts in this direction.

Mr. C. H. Elkins, of Holt's Wharf, who happened to be on board the *Catania* at the time, gave orders to a Blue Funnel tug which was lying on the other side of the liner, to go round to the launch's assistance.

This was done, and under the direction of Mr. Elkins, men with hoses extinguished the blaze in a few minutes, but before the engine-room had been completely gutted.

A FREE TRIP.

AMOY STOWAWAY DISCHARGED.

At the Kowloon Magistracy on Saturday morning, Sub-Inspector Moody asked for the withdrawal of a charge against a native of Amoy for having stowed away on the s.s. *Timorok* from Macassar. The Inspector said that under the Ordinance a man was not considered a stowaway if he was not punished at the first port of call. Defendant had been discovered before the ship reached Balik Papan; but he was sent on to Hongkong.

His Worship said he must, under the circumstances, discharge the defendant. If he had to be punished he must be taken back to Macassar by the same ship.

BOXING.

WILLOUGHBY IS MATCHED WITH TRINDER.

A. B. Willoughby, formerly of H.M.S. *Jackdaw*, who was soon in the ring when he was in Hongkong, is doing well at the "noble art" in the Old Country. Accounts from Home state that he has been matched with Marinos Trinder in an eliminator contest, the victor to meet the winner of the *Form Berry* and *Phil Scott* fight, for the cruiser-weight championship of England. Berry is the present holder of the title.

Ambulance Brigade Race: 1, Lam Ki Yan; 2, Chak Tao Kwong; 3, Pang Shiu Kwan.

220 Yards (Hostel): 1, Cheung Chun Po; 2, Chau Kwok Chung; 3, Ho Chin Kwong.

One Mile Relay, Open to Colony (8 men a side): Winner, Lusitano team. Staff Race: 1, Ng Wing Sun; 2, Chau Chun 3, Ho Pak Ping.

COMPANY MEETING.

HONGKONG AMUSEMENTS, LTD.

The 4th ordinary yearly meeting of the Hongkong Amusements, Ltd., was held at the office of the Company, China Building, on Saturday morning. There were present: Messrs. J. H. Backhouse (Chairman), J. M. Noronha, H. W. Ray and M. W. Stevens (Directors), Messrs. R. K. Butler, Graham Brown, Lee Ju Cheung, R. E. Ost, and Capt. J. J. Lousius (shareholders).

After the notice convening the meeting had been read.

The CHAIRMAN said:—Gentlemen, before proceeding with the regular business of the meeting, it is my duty and melancholy privilege to refer to the serious loss that this Company has sustained since our last annual meeting. I refer, of course, to the lamented death last November of the late Chairman of the Company, Captain Frank Thomas Wheeler. Captain Wheeler took no inactive part in the foundation of Hongkong Amusements, Limited, and was its Chairman from the time of its inception to that of his passing out at Port Said. Captain Wheeler's genial presence, fair-minded judgment and controlling hand are greatly missed by his colleagues on your Board, who feel that his absence causes a hiatus had indeed to fill.

I have the honour, Gentlemen, to propose from the Chair that the sincere condolences of the members of this Company be transmitted to Mrs. Wheeler. It is, I consider, unnecessary that such a motion should be seconded and I will, therefore, ask you all to rise in your places in token of your unanimous approval thereof.

REPORT AND ACCOUNTS.

After the Secretary had read the auditor's report, the Chairman moved the adoption of the report and accounts in the following terms:

Gentlemen, you have had the report of your directors and the statements of accounts before you for a clear week. I therefore propose to follow the usual custom of taking these as read and at once to move that the report and statement of accounts as presented be received, approved and adopted.

It is also customary, as I am informed, for this is the first occasion upon which I have had the privilege of presiding at your meeting, that the Chairman should make his remarks quite brief. This is a practice in which I heartily concur as, doubtless, you do yourselves. After all, with what as you will surely agree, is no satisfactory state of affairs as that which enables your Board to recommend a 20 per cent. dividend, there seems but little to explain and nothing to excuse. The progress of the Company in spite of all difficulties, is steady, as shown by the earnings, year by year. In 1922 we had earned, in round figures, \$10,500. In 1923, \$18,000. In 1924, \$25,700 (excluding certain profits on re-issues), and now, in 1925, \$27,000. Out of these profits, given that you pass the resolution to-day before you, we have in four years returned to preferred shareholders, half their investment, and this includes our first lean year in which nothing was paid. This is a record I think you may be proud of. I beg you also not to forget that this has been done while at the same time fully safeguarding your property by really drastic depreciation, including the wiping out of our books entirely the item of goodwill, and building up reserves which amount to nearly \$10,000. And finally, in this connection, we are again carrying forward undistributed profits amounting to over 15 per cent. of our issued capital.

The only query that I think might be put is as to the reason for increasing the dividend as recommended this year. My lamented predecessor in the Chair explained to you last year that no increase in the dividend was then recommended from motives of caution. Your Board had then certain anxieties as to the immediate future which, I am happy to state, no longer exist—we have very shortly to be able to make a public announcement which will be eminently satisfactory to you, but of which details must, for the present, be withheld even from shareholders, pending completion of certain negotiations now almost completed.

This seems to be a suitable moment to mention the reason for the resolution that will be placed before you in a few minutes, relating to the proposed increase in our issued capital, and so save any inflicting on you a second speech. I am, unfortunately, not able to take you fully into the confidence of your Board, since as to do so might well jeopardise a favourable conclusion to negotiations proceeding, but I can tell you that we have made plans under which you will have a large interest (in at least one case the whole interest) in from five to six additional theatres in the course of the next two years—some of these in the course of the next few months. Now, Gentlemen, the carrying out of plans such as these, of the result of which your Board has the liveliest expectations, requires capital outlay, and it is to this end that the issue of the balance of our authorized capital is proposed. If our plans mature satisfactorily we may have to come to you for authority to acquire further capital later. I may say here that should the motion presently to be put to you be passed your Board propose to give existing shareholders the privilege of taking up one new share for each two at present held by them. We hope that this will meet with your approbation and that you will retain all the benefits offered in your own hands by fully subscribing for all the shares to which you will be entitled.

One more word on this point: your Board will only be able to issue these shares on the basis of half the subscription being made this month and the other half before some date yet to be fixed, probably about the end of June. This procedure is absolutely necessary on account of certain large payments we are committed to make at early dates if our plans are to fructify.

A few more words only: last year we acquired one further theatre, viz., the Cheong Lok, in Shaikwan, which started business in December and is doing, considering everything, very well indeed, earning revenue from the first month—an exceptional circumstance when starting a theatre. In its former lessee's hands, it is understood, it never paid its way.

As last year, we have budgeted for a bonus to be paid to Chinese theatre staffs, which will not exceed \$1,000. You will I am sure, cordially approve this recognition of faithful and arduous service.

I thank you, Gentlemen, for the patient hearing you have given my remarks, and take pleasure in calling on Mr. J. M. Noronha to second the resolution now before you, viz., that the report and statement of accounts as presented be received, approved, and adopted.

Mr. NORONHA seconded, and the report and accounts were unanimously adopted.

Mr. RAY proposed the re-election of Messrs. Backhouse and Lo Shun Wan, retiring, Directors.

Mr. GRAHAM BROWN seconded, and this was carried.

The CHAIRMAN proposed that the following dividends be declared out of the net profits of the undertaking available for distribution upon the fully paid-up capital issued to date, viz., on 7,000 preferred ordinary shares a dividend of \$2.00 per share for the year ending 31st March, 1925, and on 8,000 deferred ordinary shares a dividend of \$1.00 per share for the same year, such dividends to be paid to the shareholders whose names appear on the Register at this date.

Mr. LEE seconded, and the motion was carried unanimously.

Captain Lousius proposed the re-election of Mr. H. Greenwood, A.C.A., as the Company's auditor for the current year at a remuneration to be fixed by the Board.

Mr. OST seconded, and this was carried unanimously.

The CHAIRMAN then moved, and Mr. RAY seconded, the issue of the balance of the authorized capital of the Company. The motion, which was carried unanimously, ran, after incorporating an amendment moved by Mr. Stevens, seconded by Mr. Ost: That this meeting do approve the issue of the balance of our authorized capital in the form of 9,000 preferred ordinary shares of \$10 each ranking equally with the preferred ordinary shares already issued, due account being taken of the period that has elapsed of the current business year up to the time subscriptions are actually received in respect of the shares of the new issue, the conditions of issue to be at the discretion of the Board of Directors.

Acknowledging a vote of thanks proposed by Mr. Butler and unanimously carried, the Chairman closed the meeting with the information that dividend cheques were ready and could be had on application to the office.

EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING.

"The business of the ordinary meeting being closed, the members present resolved themselves into an extraordinary general meeting for the purpose of considering an alteration of the Articles of Association under which the Board might permit the sitting thereof of substitute or alternate Directors.

The convening notice having been read the Chairman, proposing the motion remarked, in part, as follows: It appears to me that the sanction for which your Board is asking requires little to be said in support. It has been found that your authority is necessary, by amending the Articles, in order that your Board may be able to carry on your business in spite of the exigencies of travelling imposed on its members from time to time. Mr. Noronha seconded. Certain amendments were proposed by members present, and finally one was proposed by Mr. Ost, Mr. Ray seconded, which was adopted unanimously and which caused the main resolution, after incorporation thereof, to read follows: That there be added to Article 157 (c) of the Articles of Association of the Company the following clause:

The Board of Directors shall have the power from time to time to permit any Director who shall be absent from the Colony for at least one month and for a maximum of twelve months at any one time to delegate by Power of Attorney under seal his office of a Director to any shareholder not being a Director but holding the qualification of a Director and such Attorney shall thereupon be entitled to serve on the Board of Directors in the stead of the Director during his absence as aforesaid.

The motion, as amended, was carried unanimously and the meeting closed.

CHINA'S BIRDS.

EXPORT OF ALL NON-MIGRATORY BIRDS PROHIBITED.

The Chinese Government have made it a rule that in future the export from China, both abroad and coastwise, of all non-migratory birds, such as pheasants, sand-chickens, partridges, hazel-hens, and black game in frozen condition and with full plumage, is totally prohibited all the year round. Migratory birds such as wild ducks and geese, snipe, turkey bustards, and quail in frozen condition may continue to be exported from Southern ports of China during the period from October 1st to December 31st.

Before Mr. E. W. Hamilton, at the Kowloon Magistracy on Saturday, a Chinese salesman was charged with having resisted a search at Mongkok Ferry Wharf on Friday. A Chinese detective gave evidence. The defendant, who said he was actually searched by the detective, was let off with a caution.

HONGKONG LIQUOR AND TOBACCO TAXES.

EVASION OF DUTY BY CHINESE DISTILLERS.

REVISION OF THE LIQUOR LAW CONTEMPLATED.

In his Annual Report for 1924, the Superintendent of Imports and Exports (Mr. J. D. Lloyd) says:—

The net revenue collected under the heading of Liquor was \$1,223,202.00 as against \$1,276,152.87 in 1923. European and Chinese Liquors both show decreases. The collection of duty on Chinese Liquor still remains unsatisfactory. Whereas in 1913, 340 licensees in Hongkong and Kowloon paid duty on 1,481,320 gallons of Chinese Liquor, an average of 6,088 each, in 1924, 341 licensees in the same districts paid duty on 1,238,306 gallons, an average of 3,604 gallons each only.

Evasion of duty on part of many distilleries in the New Territory was discovered, and it was decided to transfer the complete control of distilleries in the New Territory from the Police to this Department, the staff of which has been strengthened for the purpose.

Towards the end of the year a distillery at Aberdeen in a large way of business was detected in a systematic fraud on the Revenue. Unfortunately the account books of the firm in current use were not found, and hence it was impossible to ascertain how much they had defrauded the revenue, but there were certain indications that they had been for some time paying at most half of the correct amount.

Steps were taken during the year to bring the manufacture of Chinese vinegar from spirit more strictly under control. Considerable work was done in investigating the crude methods employed by Chinese Distilleries in order to devise some better method of control than that at present employed. The great difficulty is that the crude methods employed do not give any constant result; large losses of alcohol are incurred during distillation owing to the defective apparatus employed, and such losses are very variable even in the same plant. To insist on adequate alterations might result in the closing down of all distilleries here, which on the whole produce a liquor much superior to that imported from Macao and China, which has been recently of a very inferior quality, compounded with a large proportion of spirit. Chinese spirit is sold at such a low price that the legitimate profits of a distillery are small, hence they cannot well afford the structural alterations needed, or the new outfit of modern stills which would enable this department to keep a proper check on the production. Revision of the law concerned with the taxation of liquor has been approved and the work is now in hand.

	1923.	1924.
Duties on European liquors.....	\$438,256.77	\$421,181.53
Duties on Chinese liquors.....	\$10,325.10	\$80,563.32
Licensed warehouse fees.....	7,250.00	7,062.49
Licensed warehouse overtime fees.....	321.00	355.00
	\$1,276,152.87	\$1,223,202.00

TOBACCO.

The net revenue collected under the Tobacco Ordinance was \$2,007,108.01 as compared with \$1,831,079.17 for 1923. Smuggling of high grade cigarettes was very prevalent in the first half of the year, but the conviction of a large firm of tobacco dealer with two branches, and the subsequent closing of their shops probably had a good effect. The licence of a Chinese cigar manufacturer was not renewed, because he had failed persistently to account for his stock properly. Considerable trouble was experienced in compelling the small Chinese firms who manufacture cigars to carry on their business in such a manner as to facilitate a check being kept over their operations.

GENERAL.

The gross revenue was \$5,224,303.65 as compared with \$5,759,443.58 in 1923. During the last quarter there was a drop of about 25 per cent. in the sales in all districts—in one district on the South of the Island the decrease was 50 per cent. This marked decrease coincides with the appearance of a bountiful new crop of Chinese opium on the market, and the efforts of the Macao Opium Farmer to increase his sales by a reduction in price.

The cost of the production of prepared opium was considerably increased during the year. The salaries of the staff at the factory had to be revised to meet the general rise in wages in the Colony, while the cost of pots and charcoal was greatly increased owing to the general unrest in South China rendering the manufacture and transportation of the goods both difficult and expensive. Owing to excessive demands the old staff of boilers was discharged and a new staff was engaged, which after training and the elimination of those unsuitable, has proved satisfactory.

The branch office at Tai-po was closed down, and arrangements made for the agents in the New Territory, North, to draw their supplies of opium either direct from the Head Office or through two large retailers. The whole of the sale of opium is now in the hands of agents who are paid a fixed monthly salary, and have no interest in pushing the sale of opium, so long as they satisfy the demands of the purchasers in their immediate vicinity. To some extent in the outlying districts this has made a difference to the amounts sold, the tendency being to understock, so that when sold out for the day the agency could be closed down and the defective, was let off with a caution.

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CANTON NEWS

[FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.]

STRANDED STUDENTS.

The many Chinese students attending French schools in Lyons and other cities of France have written home to Canton that they will have nothing more to do with the Franco-Chinese Educational Society, under the auspices of which several hundred Chinese youths went to France to study several years ago. Chinese students attending schools in France under Chinese Government scholarship have met no little hardship lately because of lack of funds from China, where the machinery of government, especially the department of finance, has been much dislocated by the continuous internal conflicts in many parts of the country. The Franco-Chinese Educational Society, it appears, while able to afford moral support, cannot render the financial aid desired.

SUN YAT SEN'S HOUSE.

By a recent proclamation of the Kuomintang acting chief in Canton, the residence of the late Dr. Sun Yat Sen in Chui-Hang Village, Heungshan, will be preserved as a shrine out of respect to the long service of the deceased for the Chinese revolutionary cause.

ANOTHER STRIKE THREATENED.

The anti-Bolshevik workers in Canton, as a protest against the non-punishment of union men accused of assault and battery and kidnapping, are threatening to declare a gigantic strike and, if this is done, the city light, water, and launch services will be paralyzed. The Arsenal workers have already gone on strike for more or less political-military reasons, and it is reported that the railroad workers may join in sympathy. The cause of the dispute among the workers had its origin in an alleged assault by a presser of oil on a mechanic who was introducing a new process of oil squeezing, a method which will ultimately limit the usefulness of old processes of oil pressing. The Oil Pressers' Union has considered that its sphere of influence has been interfered with, while the Mechanics' Union is taking exception, claiming that no progress will be made in Chinese labour, unless old methods may be overtaken by something new.

THE PIRATES OF POKLO.

Many inhabitants of the district of Poklo, East River in Kwangtung, along which many internecine battles have taken place, are turning pirates, according to reports frequently published; and this is being attributed to the unsettled conditions which have made peaceful and orderly life impossible. A Shensi report of the 10th kape mentions of more than ten new pirate bands of 150 to 1,000 each, all operating along the East River.

FUTURE OF CHUNGSHAN.

The future political organization of the district of Chungshan, known as Heungshan before it was renamed in honour of the late Dr. Sun Yat Sen, who was a native of the place, is far from being settled. The Central Executive Committee of the Kuomintang in Canton recently decided that the administration of the district should be put into the hands of the District Committee of the Party so that the political principles and platforms of the late Dr. Sun might be tried. On recommendation of the party committee-men, Mr. Sun Fo, son of the late Kuomintang chief, has been gazetted by the Canton Civil Governor as the first Magistrate of Chungshan. Mr. Sun, however, is declining the post and has recommended the appointment of General Wu Te Chen, a former Heungshan magistrate and present chief of police at Canton. The inhabitants of the district, while disgusted with Bolshevism, the evils of which may be now seen in Canton City, have expressed no formal objection to the appointment of Mr. Sun Fo as their Magistrate, his followers having gone so far as to have despatched messages of greetings inviting his early return to his native district in order to assume the post.

KWANGTUNG ARSENAL STRIKE.

Mr. Hsia Shing, chairman of Kwangtung Arsenal Commission, has asked the acting Generalissimo, Mr. Hu Han Min, for instructions regarding possible means of ending the present strike of the 3,000 workers, who have been idle since May 5th waiting for the management to agree to increases in their pay, ranging from 15 to 70 per cent.

The workers appear to be well organized for the struggle. It is suggested that there are political motives behind the strike. The Kwangtung Arsenal was recently taken charge of by a representative of the Yunnanese mercenaries in Kwangtung. Previously it was directed by a representative of the Cantonese Army.

TO DEVELOP TAI-SHA-TAO.

To develop Tai-Sha-Tao into an island business and residential section like Shamshien, the Canton authorities are renewing their consideration for another foreign loan for the purpose, according to vernacular press reports. Tai-Sha-Tao, opposite the present Canton-Kowloon Railroad, Chinese Section, main station, is east of Shamshien, also somewhat separated from the city by a canal. At present a Japanese bank is holding a mortgage of \$1,500,000, exclusive of interest, over the property. If properly developed, it will be worth many millions more. Before the present political muddle in Canton, a Shanghai Chinese syndicate was willing to take part of the island at \$20 a acre, or 100 Chinese square feet, and the deal would have brought in \$2,160,000, or \$600,000 more than sufficient to take up the mortgage.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the above Company will be held at the Registered Office of the Company, QUEEN'S BUILDING, VICTORIA, HONGKONG, on MONDAY, the 19th day of MAY, 1925, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, when the proposed Resolutions will be proposed as Extraordinary Resolutions, viz:—

(1) That the Articles of Association of the Company be altered in manner following that set out by the deletion of Article 17 and by the substitution thereof of the following Article:—

"17.—So long as the issued capital of the Company shall not exceed \$3,000,000, no Member shall be entitled to be registered as the Holder of more than 8,000 Shares of the Company. Should the issued Capital of the Company be increased beyond \$3,000,000 the Number of Shares in respect of which a Member shall be entitled to be registered shall be increased proportionately, but no Member shall be entitled to be registered as the Holder of more than 8,000 Shares of the Company (which is now \$3,000,000 consisting of 60,000 Shares of the Nominal Value of \$50 each the whole of which have been issued) to be increased to \$10,000,000 by the creation of 140,000 Additional Shares of the nominal value of \$50 each ranking (subject as hereinafter mentioned) for dividend and in all other respects pari passu with the Shares constituting the Company's present issued Capital.

(2) That 60,000 of the said 140,000 New Shares be offered in the first instance (in the proportion of one new share for every old share held by them respectively) to the Members of the Company who on the 10th day of June, 1925, are registered in the Company's Share Register as the Holders of the said 60,000 Old Shares at a Premium of \$10 per Share.

(3) That the aforesaid offer be made to Members by Notice specifying the number of new shares to which a Member is entitled. That a member whose registered address is situated outside the Far East or his Nominee shall pay for such new shares accepted by two instalments, i.e. One instalment of \$50 per New Share to be paid on or before the 15th day of July, 1925, and a further instalment of \$30 per new share to be paid on or before the 15th day of October, 1925, and such Member or his Nominee who has not accepted and lodged with Company's Bankers the first instalment due on such new shares on or before the 15th day of July, 1925, shall be deemed to have declined. The Directors shall have the right to reject any Nominee.

(4) That each of the said 60,000 New Shares shall be accepted by Members both in and outside the Far East shall be deemed to have declined. The Directors shall have the right to reject any Nominee. That each of the said 60,000 New Shares shall be accepted by Members both in and outside the Far East shall be deemed to have declined. The Directors shall have the right to reject any Nominee. That each of the said 60,000 New Shares shall be accepted by Members both in and outside the Far East shall be deemed to have declined. The Directors shall have the right to reject any Nominee.

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AND NOTICE IS HEREBY ALSO GIVEN that a Further EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Company will be held at its Registered Office aforesaid on TUESDAY, the 23rd day of JUNE, 1925, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon for the purpose of receiving a Report of the Proceedings at the above mentioned Meeting and confirming if thought fit any Special Resolutions of the above mentioned Resolutions.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED on WEDNESDAY, the 17th day of JUNE, 1925, to WEDNESDAY, the 17th day of JUNE, 1925 (both days inclusive), during which period no Transfer of Shares can be registered.

Dated the 4th day of May, 1925.
By Order of the Board of Directors,
B. M. DYER,
Chief Manager.

HONGKONG CRICKET CLUB.

TENNIS TOURNAMENT.

SINGLES AND DOUBLES.

BOOKING will CLOSE at the Pavilion at 8 p.m. on FRIDAY, 15th MAY, and on SATURDAY, 16th MAY.
It is intended to play the FINAL SINGLES on 21st MAY, and FINAL DOUBLES on 22nd MAY.
The FINAL DOUBLES will be followed by the PAZI GIVING.

INTIMATIONS

HONGKONG AND TERRITORIAL ESTATES, LIMITED.

THE FIRST ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Office of the Company, "St. George's" Building, No. 6, Connaught Road, on WEDNESDAY, the 20th MAY, 1925, at 12 o'clock noon, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the General Managers for the year ended 15th January, 1925, and electing a Consulting Committee and Auditors.
The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, the 9th MAY, 1925, until WEDNESDAY, the 20th MAY, 1925, both days inclusive.

SEEYAN TOMES & CO.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 5th May, 1925. [2172]

UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FIFTY-SIXTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Company will be held at the Head Office, Union Building, Hongkong, on FRIDAY, 29th MAY, 1925, at 12 noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statements of Account to 31st December, 1924, and of declaring Dividends, etc.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from MAY 15th to MAY 29th both days inclusive.
By Order of the Board,
PAUL LAUDER,
General Manager.
Hongkong, May 8th, 1925. [2191]

BRITISH TRADERS' INSURANCE COMPANY, LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FIFTY-NINTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Company will be held at its Head Office, Union Building, Hongkong, on FRIDAY, 29th MAY, 1925, at 12.15 p.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statements of Account to 31st December, 1924, and of declaring Dividends, etc.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from MAY 15th to MAY 29th, both days inclusive.
By Order of the Board,
PAUL LAUDER,
General Manager.
Hongkong, May 8th, 1925. [2191A]

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FIFTY-SIXTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Company will be held at its Head Office, Union Building, Hongkong, on FRIDAY, 29th MAY, 1925, at 12.20 p.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statements of Account to 31st December, 1924, and of declaring Dividends, etc.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from MAY 15th to MAY 29th, both days inclusive.
By Order of the Board,
PAUL LAUDER,
General Manager.
Hongkong, May 8th, 1925. [2191B]

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CONSIGNEES per Company's Steamer "SARPEDON" are hereby notified that the Cargo will be discharged into Holt's Wharf, Kowloon, where it will lie at Consignees' risk and subject to Terms and Conditions of Storage at Holt's Wharf. The Cargo will be ready for Delivery from 10 a.m. on and after 15th May.

Optional Cargo will be landed, unless Notice has been given prior to Steamer's arrival. All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on any Tuesdays and Fridays between the hours of 10.45 a.m. and Noon within the free storage period.

All Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Steamer's Godown, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 21st May, will be subject to Rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Underwriter on or before the 4th June, or they will not be recognized. No Fire Insurance will be effected.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.
Hongkong, 15th May, 1925. [2209]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

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All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Underwriter on or before the 4th June, 1925, or they will not be recognized. No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godown.
MAURINSON, MACKENZIE & CO., Agents.
Hongkong, 15th May, 1925. [2210]

INTIMATIONS

BY ORDER OF THE FIRST MORTGAGEES.

PUBLIC AUCTION OF VALUABLE LEASEHOLD PROPERTIES.

- 1.—Situate at Victoria in the Colony of Hongkong and known as Subsection 6 of Section A of Inland Lot No. 411, together with the Messuage or Tenement Erections and Buildings thereon known as No. 240, Queen's Road East.
Area: 987.40 sq. ft. Crown Rent: \$12.85.
Term of Crown Lease: 99 years from 15th day of July, 1855.
- 2.—Situate at Kowloon in the said Colony and known as Kowloon Inland Lot No. 354, together with the Messuage or Tenement Erections and Buildings thereon known as No. 55, Shanghai Street, Yau-mat.
Area: 750 sq. ft. Crown Rent: \$10.00.
Term of Crown Lease: 75 years from 18th day of November, 1888.
- 3.—Situate at Kowloon in the said Colony and known as Subsection 4 of Section B of Kowloon Inland Lot No. 31, together with the Messuage or Tenement Erections and Buildings thereon known as No. 65, Shanghai Street.
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Term of Crown Lease: 75 years from 25th day of June, 1876.

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The Auctioneer,
Queen's Road Central, Hongkong. [2165]

BY ORDER OF THE MORTGAGEE.

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SITUATE at YAU-MAT in the DEPENDENCY of KOWLOON and COLONY of HONGKONG and known as the Remaining Portion of Kowloon Inland Lot No. 356, together with the Messuage or Tenement Erections and Buildings thereon in course of construction.

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The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, MAY 18TH, 1925.

FAMINE IN CHINA.

Not many people in South China probably recognise the need that exists for the re-imposition of a surtax on the Customs dues referred to in a cable to-day as having received the assent of the Diplomatic Body. There has indeed been very scant information from Peking regarding the conditions which call for this action. Everybody, is, no doubt, aware of the fact that, due to either flood or drought, there are always large numbers of people in parts of China reduced to the verge of starvation; but the conditions at the present time must be exceptionally severe and impressive to justify the assent of the Powers to the imposition of a surtax on the Customs.

It is, in the circumstances strange that so little has been heard of such conditions through the Chinese Press. In no country in the world can it be said more truly than of China that one half of the people know not how the other half live. We suspect that even among the Chinese in the Southern provinces of China there are very few who realise the appalling amount of distress that prevails in some of the Northern and Western provinces of China arising from flood or drought. An International Famine Relief Commission in constantly at work in China but there is seldom need for its operations to be extended so far South, say, as Kwangtung. The Commission's chief field of operations at the present time, we believe, is the province

of Kiangsi. A report issued early in the present month begins with these words: "Four hundred thousand Kiangsi people are now receiving relief from the local committee of the China International Famine Relief Commission. However, there are still a million more famine victims who are not yet being relieved but if present plans for completing the main Kan River dyke between Changshu and Nanchang go forward, three quarters of the latter sufferers will be taken care of." As may be gathered from this extract, the Commission is dealing in Kiangsi with famine conditions created by an extensive flooding of the country last year. In the important and populous western province of Szechuan a drought has created conditions which appear to be far worse. In a telegraphic message received by the International Famine Commission in Peking last week, signed among others by the British and American Consuls at Chungking, it is stated that ten million persons in the province of Szechuan are in need of famine relief, two hundred thousand of them being in a critical condition. Eight haen are affected and the telegram says: "the dangerous condition is likely to last five months. If the crops fail again, even a longer period must be faced. Harvest prospects are bad in many places. The signatories to the telegram estimate that three million dollars will be needed for the five months. It is not the policy of the International Relief Commission to simply dole out food to the famished; it provides wages for useful work. With the money at its disposal the policy of the Commission is to employ as many people as possible on public works of more or less permanent value such as the repair of dykes, and the construction of roads to facilitate rapid transport of relief. We do not know what fact or statements the Chinese Government placed before the Diplomatic Body when asking their consent to the imposition of a surtax, but the foregoing instances of conditions prevailing in China which we have gathered from a cursory glance through the latest Northern papers to hand will afford to readers some idea at least of grounds on which the appeal for the re-imposition of the surtax has been made. The "conditions" attached to the assent of the Diplomatic Body are, no doubt, conditions which will guarantee the honest administration of the fund.

Invitations are being issued by H.E. the Governor for a Reception and Ball at Government House on June 3rd.

The total output of the Kailan Mining Administration's mines for the week ending May 2nd amounted to 69,363 tons and the sales to 85,767 tons.

Mr. Andrew, fourth engineer of the s.s. *Kulgan*, has reported to the police that a gold wrist watch, valued at \$30, has been stolen from his cabin.

Whilst he was carrying two buckets of boiling water down the companion way of the s.s. *Kwong Lee*, the Chinese steward was seriously scalded on the arms and chest, his injuries necessitating his removal to hospital.

Mr. Donald McBryne, McLachlan, M.B.E., formerly shipyard manager of the Shanghai Dock and Engineering Co., Ltd., has been appointed shipyard manager of Messrs. Vickers, Ltd., Barrow-in-Furness, Lancashire, England.

A Portuguese had an epileptic fit while travelling on board the Yau-mat ferry launch, *Man Sang*, at about noon yesterday. Prompt help was rendered by the passengers, and when the launch reached the wharf he was immediately conveyed home in a ricksha.

Peking has appointed General Teen Chuan Hsuan, the "Tiger Mandarin," high adviser, General Teen, who is at present in Shanghai, was formerly Viceroy of Kwangtung and Szechuan and Chairman of the Administrative Directorate of the Canton Government in 1917-18.

Passengers who left for Home by the s.s. *Sardinia* on Saturday included Mr. Evan G. Stewart, St. Paul's College, Mr. F. Normington, of the Hongkong Electric Company, and Mrs. Normington, Mr. B. Des Vaux, Lieut. J. Jeffries and T. D. Williams, and two midshipmen, Messrs. D. L. Robertson and V. G. Mansell.

The police have received a report from Yau Fook Kee, a married woman living at No. 603, Shanghai Street, that armed robbers entered her home at 3.30 p.m. on Friday and stole jewellery to the value of \$80. The woman stated that a revolver was pointed at her, while another member of the gang bound and gagged her.

The Committee of the Peak Residents' Association met during last week to consider the question of fire prevention on the upper levels, following the recent outbreak at Professor Forster's house. It was emphasised that residents should see that fire extinguishers are installed in their homes, so that outbreaks may be quickly dealt with.

Dr. Wu Lien Teh (LL.D. of Hongkong University) the noted Peking physician is now in the United States, where he has received the Diploma of Public Health from the Johns Hopkins College of Hygiene. He is making a three months' tour of different health institutions including the Hygienic Laboratory of Washington, and the New York Quarantine Station. Dr. Wu expects to sail from Vancouver on the *Empress of Canada* and to arrive in Harbin on June 30th.

A Chinese woman, is stated to have been duped while she was walking along Waterloo Road near the public Mortuary yesterday afternoon. A man came up and asked her to get a bundle of banknotes changed for him, promising a handsome reward for the trouble. She agreed without hesitation. He then succeeded in obtaining as guarantee a pair of gold rattan bangles, 2 gold finger-rings, and a jade ear-drop, to the value of about \$40. When examined later, the bundle of "notes" was found to contain waste paper.

Appointments announced in the *Government Gazette* include the following:—Dr. R. E. Tottenham to be Honorary Visiting Obstetrician and Gynaecologist to the Government Civil Hospital; Dr. Tottenham to be a member of the Midwives Board to which also Dr. R. M. Gibson and Dr. G. H. Thomas are re-appointed; Mr. A. S. MacKichan to be a member of the Authorized Architects Committee etc. Mr. Albert Denison resigned; Corporal E. J. R. Mitchell and Corporal A. H. Penn to be Second-Lieutenants in the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps.

"Broadly speaking, Siam 50 years ago was a land of primitive conditions. To-day it is a pleasant land with a well-ordered system of government," said Mr. W. Nunn (late adviser to the Siam Government on Customs and Excise) in a lecture last month before the Royal Society of Arts, London, on "The Progress and Possibilities of Siam." It was doubtful, he said, if any land was more free than Siam. One lived there year after year and almost forgot that there was a Government. Think what that meant—never to have to fill up an income tax schedule; never to have to struggle with municipal rate assessors; never to be pestered by collectors of this or that. The taxation amounted to about 17s. per head of the population.

CORRESPONDENCE.

CHINESE TELEGRAPHS.

[TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONGKONG DAILY PRESS."] "Sin.—A telegram despatched to me from Hongkong on April 22nd—*via* Canton and Chinese land lines—was delivered on May 6th, thus taking 14 days to speed over the wires. A confirmatory letter, posted in Hongkong on April 22nd, was delivered on May 4th, having crawled the distance in 19 days.

In another recent case which occurred to me, a telegram, despatched from a port in China, to announce that the sender was leaving that day to come to Yunnanfu, was delivered a week after the sender's own arrival at his destination. These are typical examples of the way in which the telegraph system in south-west China is managed."

It would be well if it were known in Hongkong that the only way to get telegraphic messages through to this part of the world is to mark them "Via Cape St. Jacques and Hokow." This route by Haiphong cable, is naturally more expensive; but to send messages by Chinese land lines is worse than useless. A four-cent postcard can beat the Chinese telegraphs every time.—Yours faithfully, SPEED LIMIT.
Yunnanfu, May 7th, 1925.

BUS SERVICES.

THE PEAK AND REPULSE BAY.

On Saturday next the Hotels Company will commence their revised motor bus service to Repulse Bay, which will permit visitors to make the journey at half the present rate. This will be due to reduced running costs, as a result of the permanent opening of the new road via Wongkeichong. It is understood the fare will be 50 cents.

On the same day there will be inaugurated the cheap and quick service to the Peak Hotel, and from the latter place to Repulse Bay.

KOWLOON HOSPITAL.

PROBABLY READY IN OCTOBER.

Enquiries made in official quarters during the week-end elicited the information that the new Kowloon Hospital, which is situated on the new road between Mongkok and Kowloon City, is rapidly nearing completion, and will in all probability be open to the public in October. The exterior work is nearly finished, and the contractor is confident that the building will be ready in August. The Hon. Dr. Addison, the Principal Civil Medical Officer, however, gives October as the more likely date.

CABLES.[LATEST CABLES.
[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]**GERMAN MINE DISASTER.****MANY WORKERS MISSING AFTER TERRIFIC EXPLOSION.**

Berlin, May 16th.

Two hundred miners are missing as the result of a terrific explosion at the Dortsfeld mine, near Dortmund, where 500 workers are employed at the pits. So far only three hundred miners, including eighteen injured men, have reached the surface.

Later.

The disaster was due to the blowing up of a store of explosives in one of the pits, the gases spreading to where men were working. So far 5 dead and 25 injured have been recovered. About thirty are still missing.

GERMAN PRESIDENT'S PAY.
REICHSTAG VOTES SUBSTANTIAL INCREASE.

Berlin, May 16th.

The Reichstag Budget Committee has adopted the Presidential estimates, providing for an increase of the President's annual salary to 60,000 marks and his expenses to 120,000 marks. The Communists opposed the proposal and the Socialists abstained from voting.

RUSSIAN PROSPERITY.
PEASANTS DEMAND INCREASE OF IMPLEMENTS.

Moscow, May 16th.

Replying to some of the opposition from the industrial districts expressed at the congress of Soviets, to the scheme to increase imports, M. Dzerjinsky, (Chairman of the Russian Council of National Economics) pointed out that the increase of machinery is unavoidable in order to effect the quickest revival of industry, whose production is approaching prewar standards. The peasants demand that agricultural implements be increased to such a degree that the Soviet factories are unable to satisfy it.

M. Dzerjinsky said that seventeen million roubles, worth of agricultural implements must be imported during the current year.

FIGHTING IN MOROCCO.**DEATH OF PROMINENT FRENCH AIRMAN.**

Paris, May 16th.

A communiqué from Rabat states the French have been successful in minor operations and in revictualising a few posts.

The prominent airman, Major Mezergues has died of wounds at Fez. Though previously wounded at the outset of operations, he was barely recovered when permitted, at his own request, to rejoin the squadron. He had just been appointed a Commander of the Legion of Honour.

M. MARSAL MOBBED.
MINISTER OF EDUCATION HAS ROUGH TIME.

Paris, May 16th.

M. Marsal, formerly Minister of Education, was mobbed and assaulted by students on the Boulevard Saint Michael. He was rescued by the police, after some difficulty.

JUST IN TIME.**DASTARDLY PLOT FRUSTRATED IN BELGRADE.**

London, May 17th.

The Belgrade police report the discovery of an elaborate plot to assassinate the King and members of the Cabinet, and to blow up The Royal Palace and the Houses of Parliament. The conspiracy is attributed to seventeen foreign Communists who recently arrived in the capital, several of whom were arrested in the act of discussing plans.

SOFIA SENSATION.
ELABORATE SCHEME OF REVOLT AND DESTRUCTION.

Sofia, May 17th.

It is officially announced that the police have discovered a large secret store of arms and explosives supposedly intended for an armed insurrection and the blowing up of bridges and railways. Large sums of money have also been found and several arrests have been made.

ZINOVIEFF LETTER AGAIN.
CONCERN OF BRITISH TRADE UNION DELEGATION.

London, May 17th.

A supplementary report of the recent British Trade Union delegation to Russia has been published declaring that no evidence was found that the notorious Zinovieff letter ever existed, and describing the letter as undoubtedly a forgery, and demanding that the Labour Party, co-operating with the Foreign Office, completely investigate the matter.

LEAGUE'S LATEST JOB.
POTTER OVER POLISH POSTMEN IN DANTZIG.

The Hague, May 17th.

The permanent Court's ruling in connection with the Danzig letter-boxes (referred to in a cable from Geneva on March 14th) is that no ruling should be made in connection with the disputed point by the Danzig High Commissioner, but the Polish Postal Service at that port is entitled to install letter-boxes outside its premises, though the service should not be reserved for the Polish officials and authorities but should be for the public use.

[The earlier cable alluded to reads in part:—The League Council decided, notwithstanding the Polish representatives dissent, to refer to a special session of the permanent Court of International Justice the question of Polish letter-boxes and Polish postmen in Danzig, which occasioned much trouble with German citizens in February.]

WEMBLEY EXHIBITION.
ATTENDANCE THIS YEAR IS LARGER.

London, May 16th.

It is officially announced that the attendance at Wembley up to Friday night was 350,000 compared to 208,000 for the first six days last year. The latter figures included Cup Final day; therefore it is evident that the attendance this year, has so far greatly increased.

SUCCEEDS LORD ALLENBY.
NEW HIGH COMMISSIONER OF EGYPT APPOINTED.

London, May 15th.

Sir George Lloyd, M.P., has accepted the offer of the High Commissionership of Egypt in succession to Lord Allenby. Sir George Lloyd has been Governor of Bombay and has travelled extensively in Burma, India, Egypt, etc. He served in the war in Egypt, Gallipoli, etc.]

BOLSHEVIK MENACE.
THE BRITISH HOME SECRETARY ISSUES WARNING.

London, May 15th.

In a speech at Queen's Hall, Sir W. Joynson Hicks, Secretary for Home Affairs, alluded to the Bolshevik menace. He said: "We are willing to let other countries live but we will not allow them to interfere with our Constitution. We are bound to take notice of the Communist movement controlled from Moscow and we shall arm ourselves with the power effectively to deal with that movement. We do not intend that this country shall degenerate into a Communist republic (Cheers)."

"We have to see that the necessary steps will be taken to deal with this great menace from East Russia. We are tired of the influx of men to this country who are coming here to embitter class hatred and destroy our Constitution."

ARMS CONFERENCE.
NEW MOVE TO LIMIT USE OF PO ON GAS.

Washington, May 15th.

It is announced that President Coolidge favours an international agreement for the limitation of the use of poison gases in warfare.

ILLICIT TRAFFIC EVIL.

Geneva, May 15th.

At the arms conference the American delegation made a statement with regard to Article V. of the draft convention associating itself with the desire to prevent the illicit traffic in arms but declaring that control to prevent such traffic could best be exercised by the exporting and importing countries, and it might not be desirable to include a provision which might be construed as authorising the detention for examination of ships temporarily in transit in the territorial waters of one of the high contracting parties merely owing to a suspicion that the vessel might possibly contain a consignment of arms not properly authorised, as such a provision might easily lead to abuse.

WIDER POWERS POSSIBLE.

The committee of the arms conference has voted in favour of the principle that the export of arms and component parts capable of use in military ways and otherwise is subject to licence.

LATEST CABLES.**DAVIS CUP TENNIS.**

London, May 16th.

In the doubles, Van Lennep and Diegerkool beat Zemla and Kozeluk by 6-3, 6-1, 5-6.

INDIA v. BELGIUM.

Brussels, May 16th.

In the first round of the Davis Cup Dr. Andreac (India) beat Watson (Belgium) by 6-0, 6-3, 6-3.

Jacob beat Washer by 6-4, 4-6, 6-3, 6-7, 6-4.

EARLIER CABLES.

Warsaw, May 15th.

In the first round of the Davis Cup (European Zone), Britain v. Poland, results were as under:—

DUTCH v. CZECHS.

Noordwijk, May 15th.

In the Netherlands v. Czechoslovakia match:—

H. Timmer (Netherlands) beat Kozeluk 6-3, 6-4, 5-6.

Kozeluk missed many of his opponent's shots. Timmer played a safe game and was good at passing shots.

Macebauer (Czechoslovakia) beat S. Diemerkoel 3-6, 6-3, 6-2, 6-1.

Diemerkoel's energy was gradually worn down by the safety tactics of Macebauer who played a very fine baseline game in the last three sets.

LATEST CABLES.**POLAND OUT OF IT.**

Warsaw, May 16th.

Godfree and Kingsley beat Kuchar and Stenert in the Doubles by 6-4, 6-2, 6-2. England has thus eliminated Poland from the Davis Cup.

SOCCER IN AUSTRALIA.

Another easy victory for England's team.

Adelaide, May 16th.

The visiting team of soccer players, representing England, defeated Australia by 4 goals to 1.

LADIES AT GOLF.

England outclasses all her opponents.

Taorm, May 16th.

In the Ladies International Golf Championship (nine a side) the final table reads:

England: Played 3; won 3; lost 0.
Scotland: Played 3; won 2; lost 1.
Ireland: Played 3; won 1; lost 2.
Wales: Played 3; won 0; lost 3.

England outclassed her opponents; she lost only one out of 27 individual matches played.

PLANS OF HAGEN.

Philadelphia, May 16th.

Hagen announces that he will not go to Britain, this summer, to defend his title to the championship. He hopes to go there in June, 1926.

BOXING.

European Championship bouts at Stockholm.

Stockholm, May 16th.

The European Amateur Boxing Championships have been held here. The winners are: Flyweight, Pladner (France); bantamweights, Rule (Britain); featherweights, Andren (Sweden); lightweights, Johansson (Sweden); welterweights, Nielsen (Denmark); middleweights, Crawley (Britain); cruiserweights, Petersen (Denmark); heavyweights, Persson (Sweden).

RACING IN U.S.
THE KENTUCKY DERBY WON BY FLYING EBONY.

Louisville, Kentucky, May 16th.

The Kentucky Derby, over a mile and a quarter, the Blue Riband of the American Turf, was won by Flying Ebony, ridden by the star jockey, Earl Sande, Captain Hal was second, and Son of John third. Time: 1min. 57.2-5secs.

Betting 10 to 1 Flying Ebony.

Quadrant, who started favourite, finished well back among the nineteen unplaced horses.

EARLIER CABLES.

New York, May 16th.

A meeting of the National Council of American Cotton Manufacturers passed a resolution in favour of curtailment of production as the only prompt and efficient remedy for the present condition of the cotton industry.

COAL IN INDIA.
ONLY BEST QUALITY SHOULD BE EXPORTED.

Calcutta, May 15th.

A forecast of the Indian Coal Committee's report states that restriction of preferential wagon supplies and formation of a grading board will be recommended. Only the best coals should be exported, particular care being taken not to allow the overseas purchaser to be misled as regards the precise quality of the coal.

The report recommends raising the rebate on the export of coal from 25 per cent to 37½ per cent. Pooling coal for export is considered impossible in India.

WOMEN IN ITALY.

Rome, May 15th.

The Chamber has passed the women's franchise bill extending the vote in local administrative elections.

LATEST CABLES.

Washington, May 16th.

It transpires that the United States showed the initiative in seeking a general refunding arrangement with all America's principal war debtors.

It is indicated that the United States Government circulated all the debtors, including France, Italy, Belgium, Czechoslovakia, Rumania, Greece, Yugoslavia, Estonia, and Latvia. The opinion was expressed that the time had come to strike a general balance.

Russia is the only debtor nation not addressed, as she does not possess a Government recognised by the United States.

Furthermore, the French Government has been informed that the United States will be pleased, if, when the French Debt Commission is sent to America it is possible for M. Caillaux personally to come to Washington.

WAR DEBTS.

United States issues circular note.

Washington, May 16th.

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EARLIER CABLES.

France and America.

Washington, May 15th.

Despatches from Paris indicate that in the conversations between the French former Ambassador, M. Jusserand and the Secretary of the Treasury, Mr. Andrew Mellon, one half of one per cent is mentioned as the amortisation rate for the payment of France's debt to America.

This figure is the same as that accepted by the British. It is estimated that the rate will involve a French payment of \$25,000,000 a year besides interest.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

ALLIED DEBT PROBLEM.

Paris, May 15th.

The Council of Ministers has entrusted M. Briand, Foreign Minister, and M. Caillaux, the Finance Minister, with the task of studying the problem of settlement of inter-allied debts.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

COFFEE CRISIS.
PRESIDENT OF SAO PAULO TAKES PRECAUTIONS.

Rio de Janeiro, May 15th.

Investigators have been sent to the United States to enquire into the sudden decrease in purchases by American coffee importers resulting in accumulation of immense stocks at Santos.

The president of the State of Sao Paulo declares that Sao Paulo is taking measures to prevent a collapse of the market and is seeking the co-operation of neighbouring coffee-growing states to prevent a financial crisis in the event of a break in the market.

U.S. RAILWAY'S FINANCES.
COMMERCE COMMISSION ORDERS AN INVESTIGATION.

Washington, May 16th.

The Inter-State Commerce Commission announces that it has ordered an investigation into the financing of the Chicago-Milwaukee-St. Paul Railroad, which recently went into liquidation.

OBITUARY.

General N. Miles.

Washington, May 15th.

Lieut. General Nelson Miles suddenly expired while witnessing a circus performance.

FAR EASTERN CABLE NEWS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

FAR EASTERN GAMES.
FILIPINOS MAKE AUSPICIOUS START IN MANILA.

Manila, May 16th.

The Philippines defeated China at baseball by 7-0.

The Philippines defeated Japan at volleyball by 21-6, 21-3.

The Philippines defeated China at tennis. Francisco and Aragon beat C. L. Shih by 6-3, 6-1, 6-7, 6-1.

Gavia beat C. F. Chow by 6-4, 6-0, 6-3. The athletes were entertained by the President of the Senate, M. Quizon at a reception this morning.

China play Japan at basketball tonight.

YESTERDAY'S EVENTS.

Manila, May 17th.

To-day at football, the Philippines beat Japan by 4 goals to nil. At baseball Japan beat China by 19-0. In the tennis doubles, the Philippines (Sanchez and Bolanos) beat China (C. L. Shih and C. F. Chow) by 6-1, 6-2, 6-3.

In the high jump, the Philippines candidate Razo accomplished 6ft. 0½ inches, a Far Eastern record. Birtullo (Philippines) threw the discus 122 ft. 8-3 inches, another Far Eastern record.

In the 5,500 metres Japan took all the places with Nawata, Sato, Yoneda, and Kishi. Time: 4mins. 7.4-5secs. The 1,600 metre relay was won by Japan by two metres. The Philippines were second. Time: 3mins. 25.4-5secs.

At basket ball to-night, the Philippines play Japan.

POLITICAL SITUATION IN CHINA.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

CHINA AND THE POWERS.
QUESTION OF FAMINE RELIEF SURTAX.

Peking, May 16th.

The Waichiaopu, yesterday, replied to the Powers Note of last month, assenting to the imposition of a famine relief surtax, under conditions.

ARMS SMUGGLING.
OPERATIONS OF A POWERFUL CHINESE SYNDICATE.

In his Annual Report for 1924, the Superintendent of Imports and Exports in Hongkong (Mr. J. D. Lloyd) writes: "Seizures of arms still remained high, but the origin was chiefly Germany. Compared with 1923 the number of arms seized of U.S.A. manufacture was very much less. The Mauser Automatic pistol was the favourite weapon. These were all second hand, and were imported chiefly from Hamburg, but considerable numbers were brought in by the crews of the Messageries Maritimes liners. After the arrival of nearly every one of these ships evidence was obtained that arms had been smuggled in. The price paid in Germany for a second-hand Mauser pistol and 100 rounds of ammunition was from £2 10s. to £3 15s. Much of the ammunition for Mauser pistols was noticed to be of very recent German manufacture."

As the result of the seizure of a consignment of arms from Germany, and the receipt subsequently of information from the Home Office, the operations of a powerful syndicate of Chinese arms smugglers were brought to light. The syndicate had been working since 1922 at least, and some of the arms seized in 1923 were traced to them. Five arrests were made, including a clerk employed in the Official Receiver's Office. Two of those arrested absconded, forfeiting heavy bail, three others were banished from the Colony, there being technical objections to the use of the large amount of evidence against them. The syndicate was composed of Chinese Seamen's Boarding House Keepers operating in England, Germany and Holland with Headquarters in Hongkong. Several firms which supply Chinese crews to shipping Companies were concerned, and one firm which did a stevedoring and compressor business was subsequently closed. The syndicate handled very large sums, and must have made very large profits during 1923, the profit on a successful operation being at least 500 per cent. In all, the actual syndicate making about 250 per cent, and the remainder being made by individual members retailing the arms in small quantities amongst their sailor acquaintances employed on the coasting vessels plying from this port. The chief member of the syndicate frequently acted as a Police Interpreter in London, and was connected with many of the Chinese drug dealers recently dealt with in London. A large number of raids were made in conjunction with the Police, and a mass of documents collected, the examination of which proved extremely laborious. A large amount of information was obtained which proved useful to other administrations. The members of the syndicate were effectively dispersed both here and in Europe.

GHOSTS OF ST. GEORGE'S.
BICENTENARY OF THE FAMOUS LONDON CHURCH.

March 18th was the bicentenary of the consecration of St. George's, Hanover Square, which may be said to trace back its existence to Dean Swift, and some of the ghosts which must hover about the church would afford material enough for the Dean's savage taste in satire. Swift's pamphlet upon the religious state of the nation worked powerfully on the imagination of Atterbury, and to Atterbury's Bill we owe that practical revival which was to give to London and the environs 50 new churches, of which St. George's is the most important. St. George's has been called the chief feature of the Square, but our haphazard methods of making streets ruined its claims to be considered one of the sights of London, and made it impossible to see the work of John James properly. The fine Jesse window, the Grinling Gibbons carvings, and other details, we well know.

THE DUCHESS OF KINGSTON.

But the chief interest of this particular church must always be in its human documents since, from its very early existence, it began to assume the place among London churches which has become proverbial as the marrying church of Society. It has played a unique part in the scandals and the romances of a century and a half, and there are some very queer ghosts among those which revisit it at the appointed times.

At St. George's in 1789 took place the marriage between the Duke of Kingston and that unscrupulous woman who had been Miss Chudleigh and Mrs. Hervey, and waded through infamy to call herself a duchess. He loved her and lavished his great wealth on her, but as the time came when she stood to take her trial in the House of Lords for bigamy her beauty faded, "looking like a ghost in those great black widow's weeds." Her counsel and sworn that, if he did not secure her acquittal, he would "forfeit his right hand as a man and his reputation as a lawyer," but she was found guilty and squandered her wealth unhappily on the Continent.

Another frail ghost, but more romantic, is Nelson's Lady Hamilton, who was married there to Sir William Hamilton in 1791. Poor Emma had already a past; she was to have a future; she was to know love and sorrow, worship and neglect. A happier fortune was that of Elizabeth Farren, daughter of a Cork apothecary. The actual ceremony of her marriage with the twelfth Earl of Derby was in Grosvenor Square, but she belongs to St. George's, since the wedding was registered there. She had more than 30 years of married life, bore her husband three children, and held her own at the Court of George III.—a happy type of the actress-coquette.

LOLA MONTZ.

Prominent whenever the ghosts assemble is the flashing beauty of Lola Montz, who married Heath here in 1849, and has far to come to St. George's, for she died in Long Island—Lola Montz, Irish-born, dancer, adventuress, favourite of the King of Bavaria, uncrowned Queen for two years, surely one of the most curious items of the fustian and jettam swept away in the revolutionary year 1848. She lived 12 years after her St. George's marriage, and wrote her autobiography. A paler ghost is the unlucky Lady Augusta Murray, whom the Duke of Sussex married here in 1793. The marriage was declared void under the Royal Marriages Act in the following year. However, some authorities held that another marriage outside English jurisdiction was valid, and they had a son and daughter.

There are thousands of happier ghosts at St. George's, and it was there that, at the end of her life, George Eliot married J. W. Cross, who died the other day.—The Observer.

ARMY OFFICER LINGUISTS.
COURSES OF INSTRUCTION IN FOREIGN LANGUAGES.

In an Army Order relating to courses in foreign languages the fact is disclosed that the situation as regards the number of officers studying foreign languages is unsatisfactory, but no explanation is offered as to the cause of this, nor is any indication afforded as to the proposals for ensuring an improvement beyond a statement explaining the course of study and the direction that every facility is to be given to officers who are desirous of attending the classes.

There are altogether 50 vacancies, and of these nine each are allotted to the Alderhot and Eastern Commands, five each to London District, Northern and Rhine Commands, four each to the North Ireland, Scottish, and Southern Commands, and one each to Jersey and Guernsey.

The subjects are, Russian, Arabic, Chinese, Bulgarian, and Japanese, and the courses for Russian and Bulgarian are at King's College and the other three at the School of Oriental Studies. It is explained that the object of the courses is to enable officers to master the rudiments of a language before proceeding abroad for the purpose of study, and the qualifications necessary for an officer to be recommended are that he must hold a permanent commission in the Regular Army, that his previous record, educational and military, must be such as to justify expenditure on further education (special qualifications, such as an aptitude for learning languages or for general staff duties should be stated), and that he should be unmarried and under 20 years of age. Before a final selection is made, officers may be required to attend at the War Office for an interview.

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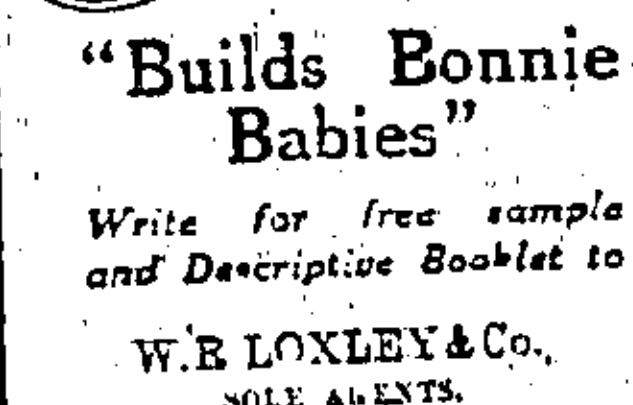
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"A Jew by nature is not a money-lender, but a money-giver," said the Rev. Israel Matuck, in announcing that the Liberal Jewish Synagogue at Regents Park had decided to refuse to admit money-lenders, to membership of the congregation. They would be allowed to worship in the Synagogue, but would not be allowed to contribute to its support. Mr. Matuck explained that this decision is not because money-lending strengthens the prejudice against Jews, but because all Jewish law condemns money-lending.

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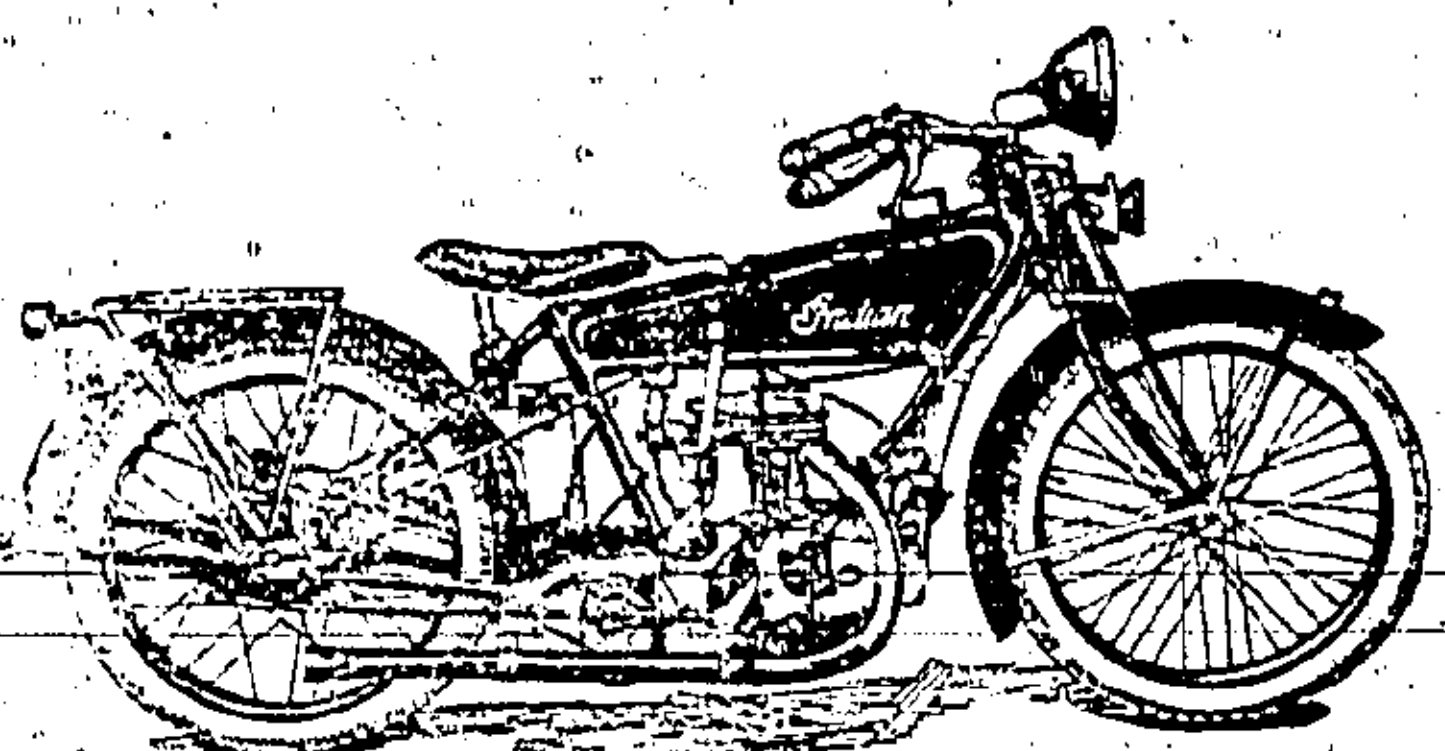
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GUNBOAT OUTRAGE AT
SHANGHAI.

20 SHOTS FIRED AT A HOUSEBOAT.

Following upon the gunboat outrage at Shanghai reported by cable a week ago, the *N. C. Daily News* says—

The need for prompt action in connection with the Chinese gunboat shooting outrage reported yesterday is emphasized by a similar occurrence which took place on Wednesday night. In this case the circumstances were almost precisely similar, and it was only owing to the extremely bad shooting of the Chinese that the foreigners concerned escaped without injury after a decidedly unpleasant experience.

The facts of the case are that Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Boyd were returning from an up-river trip in their private houseboat, towed by a launch, and late in the evening passed the Chinese gunboat on the ordinary downstream course. Without the slightest warning the gunboat opened fire when the houseboat was abreast of her. Mr. and Mrs. Boyd were the only occupants of the houseboat, and after the first two or three shots had been fired they stood up on the deck under the gunboat's searchlight, thinking that by their thus being seen the mistake had been made in opening fire. Shooting continued, however, and they were compelled to go below to escape the shots, all of which fortunately missed them. Altogether, about 20 shots were fired. The houseboat's siren was sounded, but this also had no effect, and the firing continued until the houseboat was well clear of the Chinese vessel.

A number of the shots which whistled over the deck of the houseboat found a mark on the Robert Dollar wharf on the Pootung side without, however, causing any casualties.

At the same time, the Wayfoong houseboat was also proceeding down river and when within range of the gunboat, had a shot fired at her. The foreigner in charge wisely decided to put back and, in view of the heavy fusillade against Mr. Boyd's boat, dropped anchor and remained up-river for the rest of the night.

"BRILLIANT" CHANG.

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You and men like you corrupt the womanhood of this country. Society must be purged and girls protected from this soul-destroying drug.

These words were addressed on April 19th, 1924, by the Recorder at the Old Bailey to Brilliant Chang, the Chinese dope merchant, who for many years previously had been one of the most sinister figures of London's underworld.

Chang on April 14th completed his sentence of 14 months in the second division for being in possession of cocaine, and detectives escorted him to the docks and saw him off under a deportation order for China.

Chang, after being driven out of the West-end by Scotland Yard, was bound from pillar to post in Limehouse, where he was eventually captured, says the *London Star*.

WEALTHY HONGKONG UNCLE.

This fascinating, inscrutable Chinaman came to England 12 years ago. A wealthy uncle in Hongkong appointed him his representative in London.

Chang found his duties unexciting, and started in a new field. He opened a Chinese restaurant in Regent Street, a novelty which became widely popular at first, but later notorious. With its Oriental and typically Chinese atmosphere it fascinated Londoners, and was the rendezvous of hundreds of pretty women and gilded youths.

Chang exercised an extraordinary influence over women, and soon exhausted his profits by his lavish mode of living. He plunged into the gaiety and amusements of night clubs. It was during these adventures that Chang made the acquaintance of a man named Enever, who is now serving penal servitude for bogus company frauds, dealing with alleged mining concessions in China.

LUXURIOUS FLAT.

Enever had smartly-equipped offices at China House, Knightsbridge, and under them a luxurious flat, where he entertained women connected with the cocaine traffic. Enever discovered in Chang a suitable partner, and later the Chinese restaurant in Regent Street became a lucrative centre for cocaine traffickers. Large quantities of "snow" were smuggled from France and Germany through Enever's agents, and secret cocaine parties were also given in various parts of London, at which Chang was a regular visitor.

BILLIE CARLTON.

It was not till the tragic death of Billie Carlton, the young actress, that the dimensions of the cocaine traffic came to light, and at the inquest it was disclosed that she was in the habit of taking cocaine in the Chinese fashion.

Scotland Yard then began a vigorous campaign in the West-end and while investigations were in progress two other attractive young women died from cocaine poisoning. One was Audrey Harrison, who was found dead in her flat in Baywater, and the other Freda Kempton, a night club dancer, who died in a boarding house at Paddington.

[A *Daily Press* representative who made enquiries learned that the police here have no knowledge of Chang's alleged connection with Hongkong.]

VESSELS EXPECTED.

Empress of Russia (C.P.R.), due May 20th.
Kito Maru (N.Y.K.), due to-morrow.
President Hayes (Dollar), due May 25th.
President Madison (Admiral Oriental), due May 24th.
Tyndarova (Blue Funnel), due to-day.

WEATHER REPORT.

May 17th at 18.20.—Pressure has decreased slightly over N. China and increased slightly elsewhere. The anticyclone remains over N. China but has weakened slightly; the area of relatively low pressure now extends from Tientsin to Borneo.

Bombing rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 18 hours, May 17th 0.10 inch. Total since January 1st, 22.15 inches, against an average of 17.10 inches.

The forecast for the 24 hours ending at 18 hours, May 18th is as follows:—

Forecast
Formosa Channel { E. or variable winds,
Houkang to Gap Rock { moderate; fair to showery.

South coast of China between { do.
Hongkong and Lamook { do.
South coast of China between { do.
Hongkong and Hainan { do.

HONGKONG METEOROLOGICAL
REGISTER.

Hongkong Observatory, May 17th.

	Previous Day	On Date	On Date
	at 5 a.m.	at 5 a.m.	at 5 a.m.
Barometer	29.65	29.66	29.64
Temperature	75	76	87
Humidity	75	94	94
Wind Direction	SSW	Calm	W
Force	3	0	2
Weather	OC	OC	C
Rain	0.03	0.00	0.10

Highest open-air temperature on 16th ... 85
Lowest open-air temperature on 17th ... 75

HONGKONG TIDE TABLE.

From May 18th to 24th, 1925.

HIGH WATER				LOW WATER			
Day of Week	Day of Month	H'kong Standard Time	Height	Day of Week	Day of Month	H'kong Standard Time	Height
Mon.	18	7.4	5.4	Mon.	19	7.4	5.4
Tue.	19	7.30	5.7	Tue.	20	7.30	5.7
Wed.	20	7.25	6.0	Wed.	21	7.25	6.0
Thur.	21	8.25	6.3	Thur.	22	8.25	6.3
Fri.	22	9.17	6.6	Fri.	23	9.17	6.6
Satur.	23	10.6	6.9	Satur.	24	10.6	6.9
Sun.	24	11.43	7.1	Sun.	25	11.43	7.1

CINEMA NOTES.

QUEEN'S THEATRE.

Thrill after thrill swept through the large audience that witnessed "The Fatal Hour" yesterday at the Queen's Theatre, where it is the feature attraction of the week. This Metro all-star production is a unique and arresting play. It is difficult to decide which is pre-eminent, the plot with its keen, never-failing action, or the supremely lovely photographic work of scenes in England and Switzerland. The result is a marvelous bit of work that holds the spectator spellbound. Julia Burnham adapted the play from the famous stage success "The Marriages of Mayfair" by Cecil Raleigh.

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MANILA	"TINSANG" ... Sunday, 24th May, 10 a.m.		
KHANGHAI via SWATOW	"HOPSANG" ... Tuesday, 26th May, Noon		
BANGKOK via SWATOW	"MINGSANG" ... Sunday, 31st May, 8 a.m.		
HAIPHONG via HOIHOW	"CHEONGSHING" ... Sunday, 31st May, Noon		
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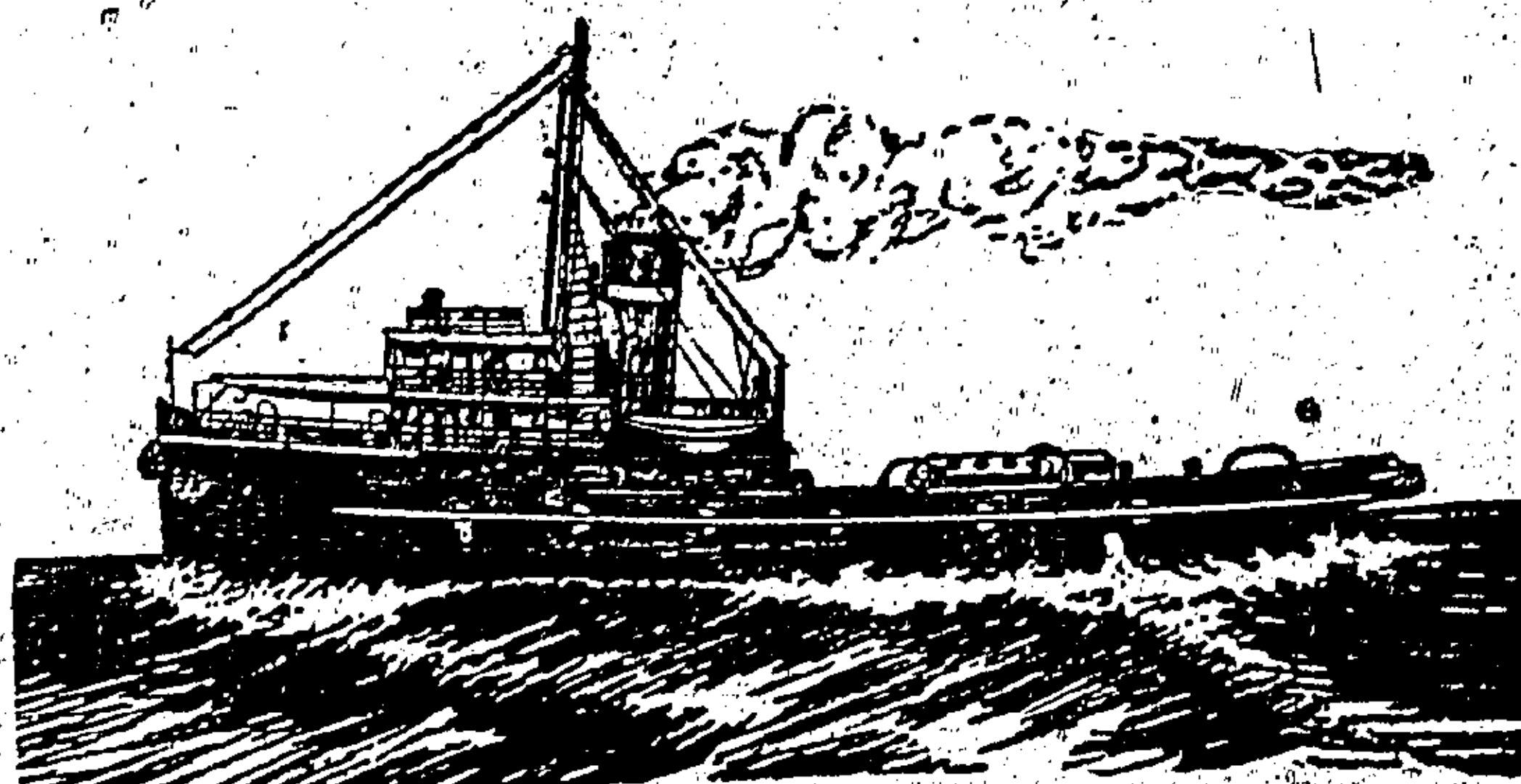
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